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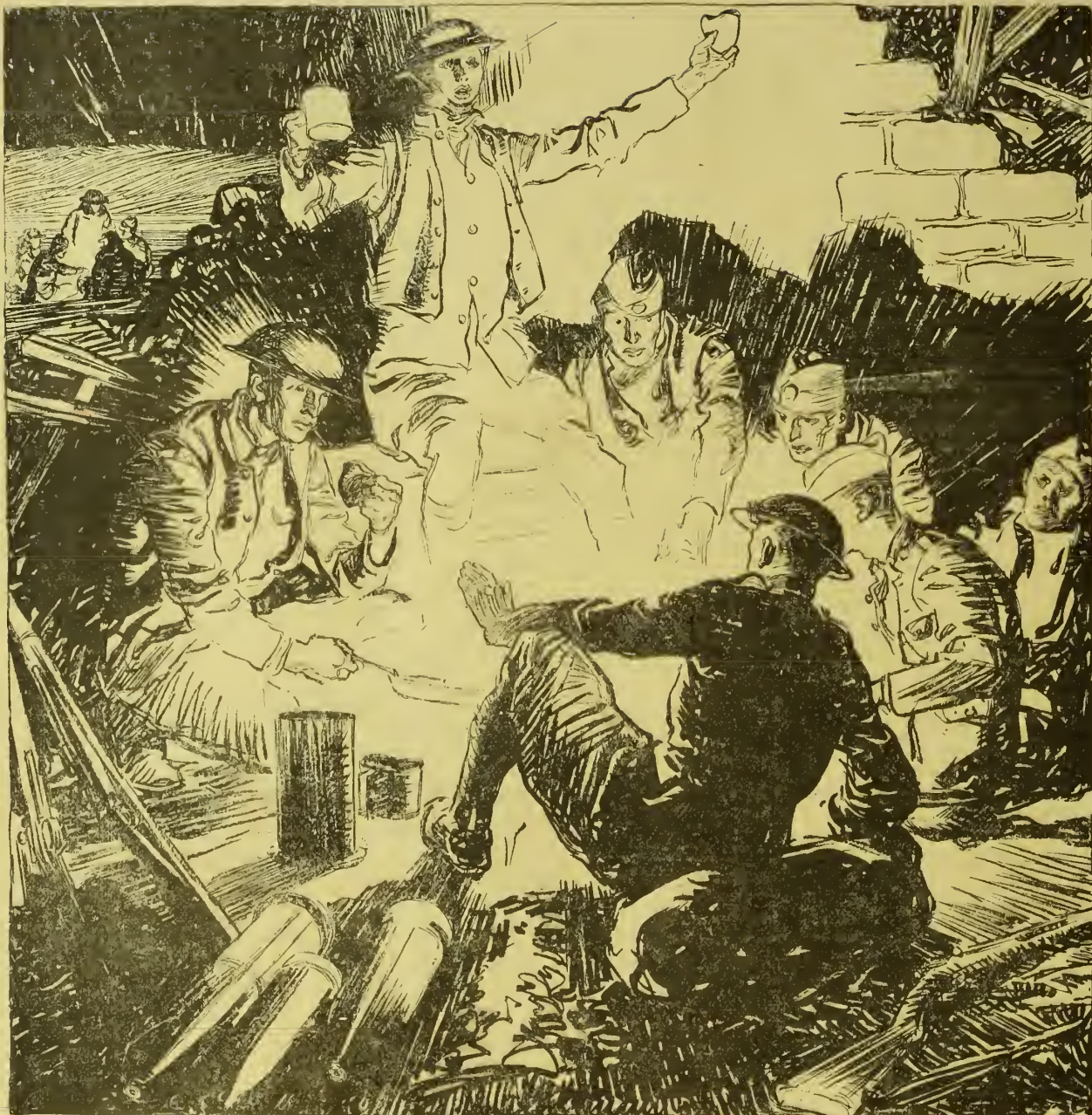
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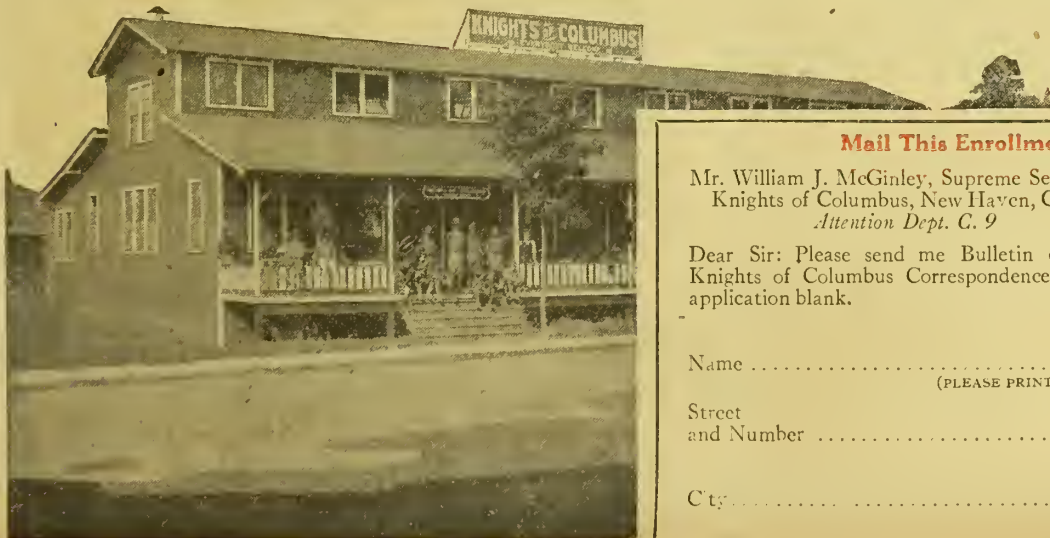
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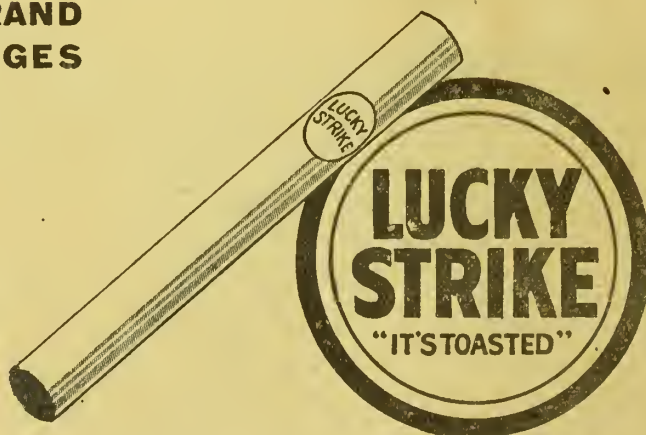
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From the Retiring National Commander



HAVE been privileged during the year just closing to interpret the Legion to the American people. I have striven primarily to define its program to Legionnaires, first, because they constitute a vital part of our citizenship, and, second, because we all understand that a crystallized opinion in our own ranks must precede a general and public appeal. Moreover, in my interpretation of the Legion there has been no thought of politics or creed.

The circumstances of my election as National Commander furnished the cue which I have faithfully followed. I, a Southerner, was elected by Northern, Eastern and Western votes in a Southern city. What better proof of the desire for national solidarity could be asked? A natural impulse of my own heart was strengthened and I determined to make our Legion a national asset known throughout America.

In accepting the office of National Commander I sought to epitomize the hopes of this administration by declaring that hospitalization, rehabilitation, adjusted compensation and Americanization would be my objectives. Such has been the case.

Mindful of the solemn and sacred duty we owe our disabled buddies, I have labored, first, for adequate hospitalization. Measurable success has attended the effort. The main difficulties have been solved. Hospitals have been built and equipment provided by the Government. Where the Legion formerly had no representation on hospital boards, this year one of our men was placed in a position where he could speak with authority. The tangle in the Veterans Bureau has been straightened out and an organization calculated to serve the veteran—first conceived by the Legion—now happily functions in the manner that was designed.

So, too, we have progressed with the kindred problem of rehabilitation. Where hospitalization ends, rehabilitation begins. We have sponsored veterans' claims. We have insisted on honest classification. We have established insurance rights. We have secured compensation for the deserving. We have investigated the character of training offered the ex-service man. With the period of instruction over, we have found employment for the rehabilitated man.

The third item was adjusted compensation. Little need be said. An aroused public opinion demands the enactment of our own bill, and its passage awaits merely the convening of the new Congress in December.

Americanization has been a vital point of attack. Through conferences, newspapers, magazines and radio we have preached the gospel of love for America and respect for her institutions; combining our forces with those of education for a period of seven days, we pinned the attention of America on the question of education. I have also sought to bring to every American a new realization of the flag's meaning. Under the Legion's auspices, a flag conference was held in Washington. It laid down certain rules for the usage and the interpretation of the flag. Then the question of unemployment was met, and bureaus established in 11,000 posts throughout the forty-eight States contributed to its solution. Immigration has been studied and naturalization made simple and impressive through the Legion. Finally, the Legion has massed its influence to secure an immigration holiday for a period of five years during which the American people may arrive at a safe, sane and conservative method for dealing with the problem of selection. The Legion has pressed upon the American public its four cardinal principles: That no man shall become a citizen of this republic unless he be physically, mentally, morally and spiritually worthy of citizenship.

ALVIN OWSLEY

The STREAK

It began to dawn on Gadden that the coward cur—the yellow mongrel—the poltroon of the litter—was fighting. Then that he was fighting viciously

IN the bar-room of Gadden's Resort, that favorite haunt of lumberjacks, miners and railroad men in our mountain country, almost the first thing you observed would be three glass cases in which stood the stuffed bodies of Gadden's three fighting dogs, one after the other pitted against Horrick's Terror and one after the other killed by him. Presently you would discover that it was now wholly sentiment for these poor scarred beasts that prompted this display; Gadden himself would call your attention to a fourth space, set apart for the honoring of the dog that he would some day own and train and pit to avenge the other three with a victory and the death of the big white bull over at Cascade.

The man greatly desired to hasten that day; now necessity ran with desire. For prohibition, lightly taken by Gadden and his following, proved to have teeth in it; with ill grace he substituted new placards for his old ones, installed half a dozen flimsy tables on his porch, and nailed up the front door of the bar. City bootleggers robbed him soullessly for his stock, while in the mountains the foreign element and the renegades in hidden valleys set up stills and undermined the market. Evil times fell on Gadden; it became imperative that his newest candidates develop so that one of them could at once vanquish Horrick's pride and win for him the purse and side bets such a victory would garner.

This springing hope of his lay in two pups old Dean Worth was raising for him out Glacier Valley way. Gadden had picked the pair up in Sacramento through a barber he knew. Their dam was a pit-bull of royal lineage, their sire a great savage boar-hound who had, as it happened, been killed by the

police as a dangerous animal within a few days of the whelping of his family. Out of a litter of seven Gadden had chosen two prime males—strong, vigorous, healthy pups, seven weeks old when he got them. Dean Worth knew more about young dogs than anyone in the mountains, though he did not hold with the pit; he had taken them to raise to six months, and every visit Gadden made on them increased his satisfaction in the investment.

The time of their puppyhood was up at last: on a fall morning their owner drove across the ridge to the old man's mountain orchard to see whether his flowering hopes promised fruit.

"How's the twins?" he asked, with a heavy jocularly, of Dora Worth. "Any fight in 'em yet, honey?"

The girl stood aside disdainfully. She hated Gadden cordially and was humiliated deeply because her father had consented to accept the dog fighter's money and rear his pups.

"You know my proper name," she said coldly. "I'm afraid there is plenty of fight in Wolf—and I wish you all the bad luck in the world if you put him into the pit!"

Gadden frowned.

"I'll put my dogs where I please,

young woman," he said. "And I'm having bad luck enough without your wishing any more on me!"

Dora led the way toward the kennels, paying the man no further heed. Her father was pruning below the knoll; she wished that he had been home to receive his visitor. But when they turned the barn her face brightened. Mitchell Toms was there, having ridden across the mountains from his turpentine woods to have a few words with Dora on this Saturday afternoon of leisure.

"Hello, Mitch!" she cried. "I'll be through in a minute. This is Mr. Gadden."

The young woodsman looked evenly at the dog fighter. Gadden's face reddened.

"Hello, pitch peddler!" he snapped. "I know you—but I know your hands better!"

"That's so, more's the pity!" Mitchell Toms returned, without inflection. "I'll go up to the house and wait, Miss Dora."

He rode on, Gadden throwing him a covert sneer. To the girl, then:

"You ain't wasting your time on that varmint, are you?"

Apparently Dora did not hear him.

"There are your dogs, Mr. Gadden."



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By Wilbur Hall



Illustrated by
James Reynolds

Gadden looked her up and down for a moment with a coarse insolence that made her somehow ashamed, then turned and whistled. The two pups lumbered to their feet and stood with their heavy, wide-jawed heads cocked a moment, growling comically.

They were as alike as two peas: ugly, broad, bow-legged, already powerful. Gadden opened a wire gate and entered the run, the pups watching him intently. When he called to them once more one wagged a stump of a tail and came forward to crouch at his feet. Gadden snarled at him to get up; instead he rolled on his back, doubling his legs and whining a little. Impatiently Gadden kicked him; the puppy squirmed and yelped.

"Look here!" the man exclaimed. "Who's been spoiling this dog? What've you done to him, anyhow?"

Dora answered patiently.

"That's Flash. He's not a fighter. You'll find what you are looking for in Wolf."

"I'd better! Come here, Wolf!"

Very slowly, with feet wide apart and his eyes fixed on the visitor, the second pup advanced. Gadden dropped to one knee and stroked his muzzle and head. Then he took him by both ears and shook him gently. Wolf growled. Gadden pulled; roughed him. Wolf stiffened and uttered a throaty warning. Gadden held him clear of the ground, rising as he did so; then shifted a hand to the pup's throat and throttled him. Wolf twisted, bringing every muscle of his body into play, and tore free; instantly he was standing firmly on all fours again, his eyes reddening. Gadden laughed excitedly.

"Oh, you'll fight, will you?" he cried.

He bent down again, heedless of the pup's immature growling, and tantalized him—cuffing his ears, slapping him, inciting him. Flash, the first pup,

came clumsily to his feet and tried to join in the sport, romping gracelessly, and frisking with his big feet flying wide. Gadden slapped him hard, in disgust.

Then he had an idea. He jerked the belligerent Wolf between his knees, catching him by the scruff.

"Go get him!" he said, hoarsely.

"Kill him, boy!"

With the wiles of the pit he inflamed the dog. Wolf bristled, strained, lunged towards his twin. Flash continued to romp about, eager for play. Wolf knew, now, that this was not play. He growled. Suddenly Gadden released him and the maddened pup shot like a shell at the throat of Flash. There was a scuffle and a cry of pain. In a second Dora was running for the pen.

"Stop it! Don't you dare make them fight!"

Gadden, still laughing, caught at the whirling dogs and pulled one back.

"All right, boy!" he gloated. "You'll do—! Hello! Down, you! Get back, there!"

THE dog he held was Flash, not Wolf. He threw the pup aside in disgust and caught the other.

"Well, I'm blamed!" he exclaimed; "I can't tell 'em apart!"

"You take them away from here if you want to fight them!" Dora said, angrily. "You shan't do it here!"

"Go on, kid!" he said, unruffled. "There's no fight in that Flash pup, don't worry. He's got a streak of cur in him. But Wolf, now!"

He made much of the savage brute into which, in a moment, he had transformed the clumsy and usually good-humored Wolf puppy. The dog wanted to fly once more at his blood-brother; Dora Worth seized Flash and shut him in a second runway. At which Gadden laughed again.

"If you'd give me as much as a

pleasant smile, my dear," he remarked, eyeing her once more in his bold, shameless way, "I'd make you a present of that cur in there. I think I'll take Wolf with me,

though. You're going to spoil the best pit dog in the state if I leave him any longer."

"Suit yourself," Dora answered. "But I wouldn't accept anything from you."

"I guess I can leave him for you, if I take a notion."

"I wish I could take them both away from you. You're not fit to own a good dog!"

"Oh, listen now, girlye—"

The slow, quiet voice of Mitch Toms came to them.

"Would you sell those two pups, Gadden?" he asked.

Gadden wheeled.

"Thought you'd gone! Sell 'em? No, I wouldn't sell you anything. I sell to your lumberjacks."

"You do whenever they have money; I know that," Toms returned. "But right now I'm offering to buy that Wolf pup from you. I'll give you fifty dollars for him."

"Fifty! I wouldn't take five hundred."

"I'll give you six hundred."

Gadden stared at him.

"Confederate money?"

For answer the woodsman drew out a wallet, took therefrom a sheaf of banknotes and tendered them to Gadden.

The latter snorted.

"The Wolf dog isn't for sale. And I'm giving the other one to Miss Worth to remember me by. Come on, Wolf; you're getting old enough to go into training. Inside of six months you'll be the champion fighting dog of the mountains—not a lap-dog for some milk-and-water turpentine agent!"

With his rough insolence he turned from Mitchell Toms to run his eyes boldly over the trim figure of Dora Worth; then he caught up the lumbering big pup at his feet and went out of the run.

"Dora might sell you the other one," he suggested, with a sneer. "He's about

your kind of a dog, I'd say, from watching you both in action."

And with a short laugh he walked to his car—drove off.

Dora Worth's eyes were blazing.

"How could you stand there and take his insults, Mitch?" she cried passionately.

Mitchell Toms sighed.

"I'm taking a good deal from Gadden now," he said, slowly. "He's trying to break up my crews with bootleg; he's talked several men into leaving me; he doesn't like me because I try to keep the boys out of his place. But it isn't time to fight him yet, Dora."

"I believe you're afraid of him!" the girl ventured.

"WELL, in a way I am. In a fight he might whip me, and I can't afford to be whipped until my camps are well started and I've got the men organized." He paused. "I guess you think I'm a coward, don't you?"

"I don't know what to think."

"Try and not think that—yet. You see, if I took a licking now, I'd have to fight every man in the turp camps. And some of them would probably lick me, too—and then where would discipline go? No, Dora, that's got to come later. And right now I think I'll be riding along."

"Just as you please," she returned, a trifle stiffly. "I am busy making jelly this afternoon."

On his long-legged black horse Mitch Toms rode townwards. Dora watched him with tears of mortification in her eyes. Flash, the disgraced pup, whined in his pen. Dora crossed and released him. He jumped about her—put his paws against her—gazed at her with ludicrous dejection.

She put her arms around him suddenly.

"Is there cur in you?" she cried, sharply. "I don't believe it! I don't believe it of either of you!"

Flash, leaping from her, blundered into a feed trough, pitched backwards, floundered with a splash into the water bucket and brought up against the pen in a tangle of legs and ludicrous feet. His look was so quizzical, so sheepish, so ridiculous that the girl relaxed—broke into a peal of laughter.

"But one of you, anyhow, is an awful fool, at least!" she cried—and returned to her jellies.

Old Dean Worth declared that "a man couldn't nohow raise bees in the same county with a elephant-footed dog like that tarnation clown, Flash;" in the end Mitchell Toms wheedled Dora into letting him take the pup to the turpentine camps to raise and make a woods dog of. From that time on the man and the dog became inseparable.

Flash had his name from his quickness

of body and perception—even as a puppy he had been a flash to move or to understand and obey an order. He developed into a strong, active dog, a powerful swimmer, a tireless tracker, a gifted hunter. Mitch taught him no parlor tricks, but he learned to find and follow bear and lion tracks, to move silently in the woods, to work swiftly and surely in the night, to retrieve. to obey, to guard any spot or person with indomitable fidelity. His affections were divided between the girl and the man; he was happiest when they were together riding or hunting or walking and imperceptibly he came to be a strong bond of sympathy between them.

But he was marked a coward in a fight. Faithful, affectionate, trained by kindness, he seemed devoid of all combative instincts. When smaller dogs attacked him he would stand still, with a helpless, puzzled, silly expression until they had exhausted themselves and left him; when bigger ones flew at him he would either cringe and wallow or turn tail. With the blood of many fighting generations behind him on both sides he was a riddle to Mitch Toms. Yet, since he was Dora's dog, the man would not encourage him to aggressiveness or chide him for avoiding trouble. It hurt him sometimes to think of the analogy Gadden had drawn between the pup and himself, but he steadfastly refrained from trying to arouse the lust for battle that it seemed to him must lie dormant somewhere in the dog because he felt that same lust stirring so often in his own blood. It was set down by the mountain people that the Flash dog had a streak of cur in him, and by Gadden's cronies that the same strain ran in his trainer.

Meantime both the education and the disposition of Wolf, the Gadden pup, were in every particular the opposite. From the day Gadden reclaimed him Wolf was handled, fed, schooled to one end only: to confront fighting dogs in the pit and eventually to be unleashed against the champion of the mountains, Terror, the white pit-bull of Gaff Horrick of Cascade. Gadden himself enraged and excited the pup by his very pres-

ence. He was fed strong meat, exercised regularly, trained like a pugilist. When he was eight months old he was ready for his practice pitting.

Gadden did not hold with many of the orthodox methods of dog handlers; he followed his own regimen. Wolf was trained to worry old dogs, first with a muzzle on, then free. Irritated and maddened by voice and the sting of a gad, the young dog would charge again and again until the old brute opposed was worn down from the continual shocks of collision and attack. For reward Wolf, unmuzzled, would be thrown upon some toothless old aristocrat; the pup's savage delight mounted then to frenzy. Long after the victim was dead Gadden would keep his pup at the body until Wolf had mangled the throat and reduced it to a bloody pulp.

Later he was sent against powerful dogs whose fangs—their fighting teeth—had been pulled, and with his own throat protected by a heavy leather collar. Again excitable and gamy little feists were tantalized until they were half crazed and then thrown to Wolf to develop in him quickness and sureness in killing. The smell of blood and of other dogs, the sounds of cries of excitement, the feel of crunching flesh and bone, the savage delight of battle were all the dog knew. If he had any gentleness or softness it was starved out of him. When he was a year old he was matched against an older pit bull, once a champion and still tenacious and fiery; Wolf broke his neck in four minutes and came out of the battle without a scratch.

In the next two months Gadden reaped the first small part of the harvest he was expecting and sorely needing. Mose Standish, the Stockton fancier, came up with his black-spotted

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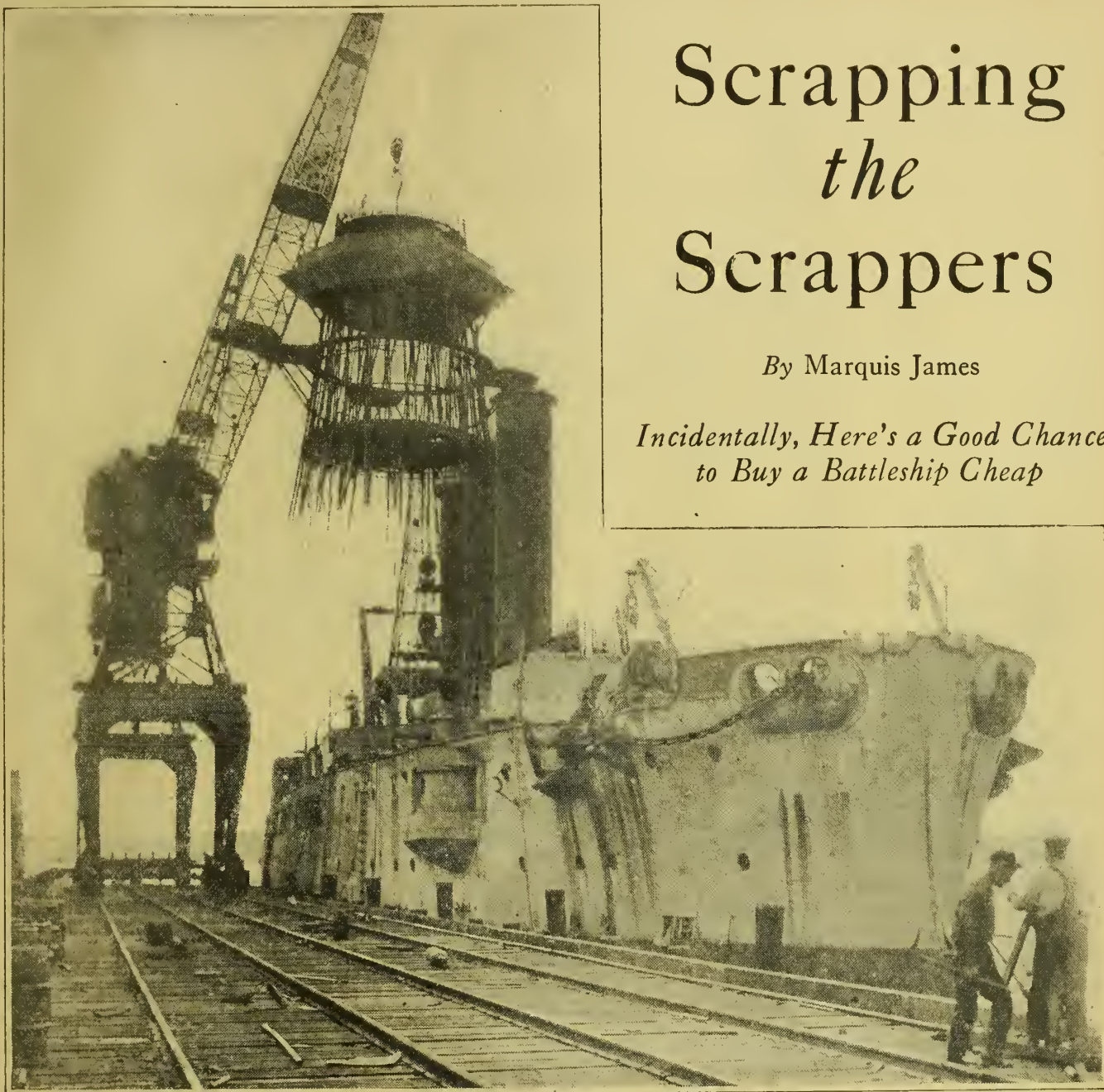


Mounted on her pinto pony and with Flash running and rollicking beside her, Dora rode south across the little orchard and into the timber

Scrapping the Scrappers

By Marquis James

*Incidentally, Here's a Good Chance
to Buy a Battleship Cheap*



Off comes the forward basket mast of the "Missouri"—an epochal moment in the progress of disarmament and world peace

WATERLOO, an historian tells us, was won on the playing fields of Eton. Which is about the flossiest particle of propaganda in favor of the ancient and English game of cricket that one is apt to run across in the course of a winter's reading. The inference is, of course, that the good fresh air and exercise afforded by this pastime enabled the Duke of Wellington to make a wreck of Napoleon's calculations at the time and place in question.

But speaking of the occupation of which Waterloo is supposed to be such a shining example—to wit, war—it was the prophet Isaiah who took the long view of the matter. Being a prophet, I suppose that was his business. Anyhow, Isaiah was one of the first to get on record as foretelling an end to all Waterloos and such like, thus, I suppose, turning the benefits to mind and

muscle which proceed from cricket playing to other and happier channels of endeavor. Isaiah said the day would dawn when people would "beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah did not live to see this prediction fulfilled. In point of fact, some 2,678 years after the good man had passed to his reward the Argonne offensive, which was about the greatest battle ever, was only beginning. Which would appear to lend color to the report that Isaiah's forecast was a long time coming true. Well, it was.

Hardly five years have gone by since the Argonne was fought, and nearly all the plowshares in the world had been beaten into swords. Those five years cannot seem very long to the ghost of one who trod this earth twenty-seven

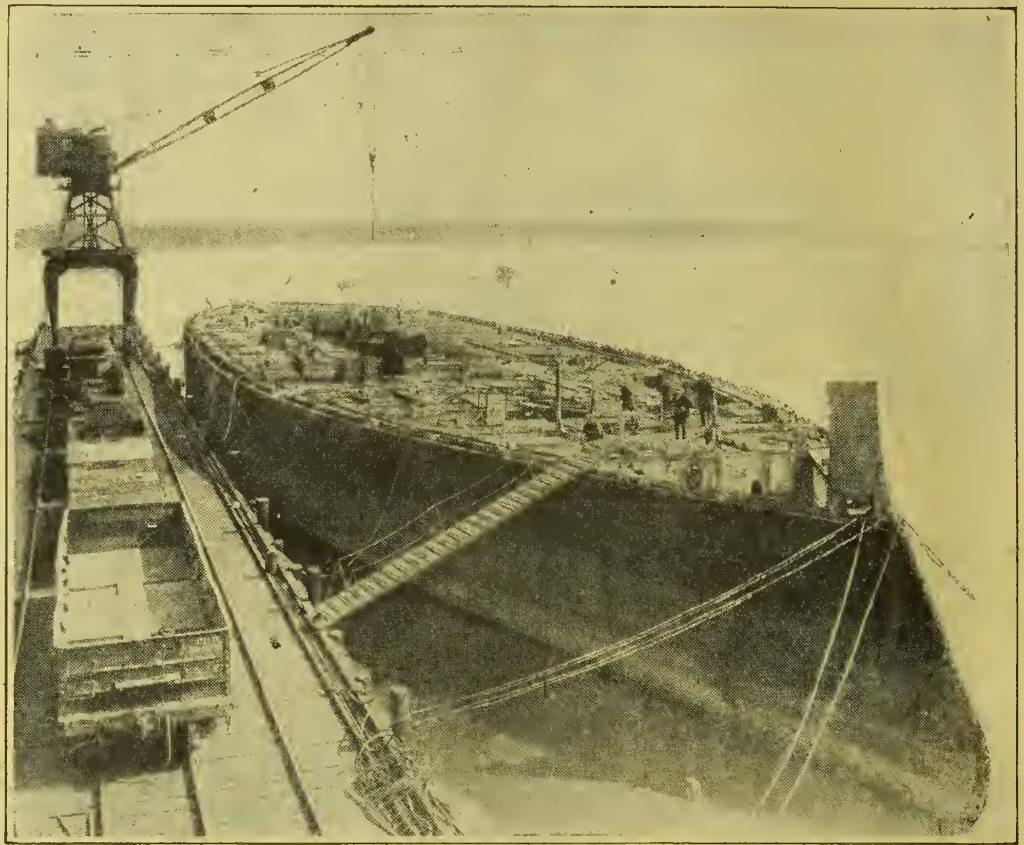
centuries ago. As a matter of fact, it doesn't seem very long to us who tread it now. Yet what changes, what changes!

Suppose the shade of the prophet Isaiah were to descend through space back to this planet; back, to be exact, to London, home of cricket-playing Englishmen, seeking there to demonstrate to us the fulfillment of the swords-into-plowshares prediction he uttered so many, many years ago. Only five years, mind you, after the Argonne; five years after the surrender of the German high seas fleet.

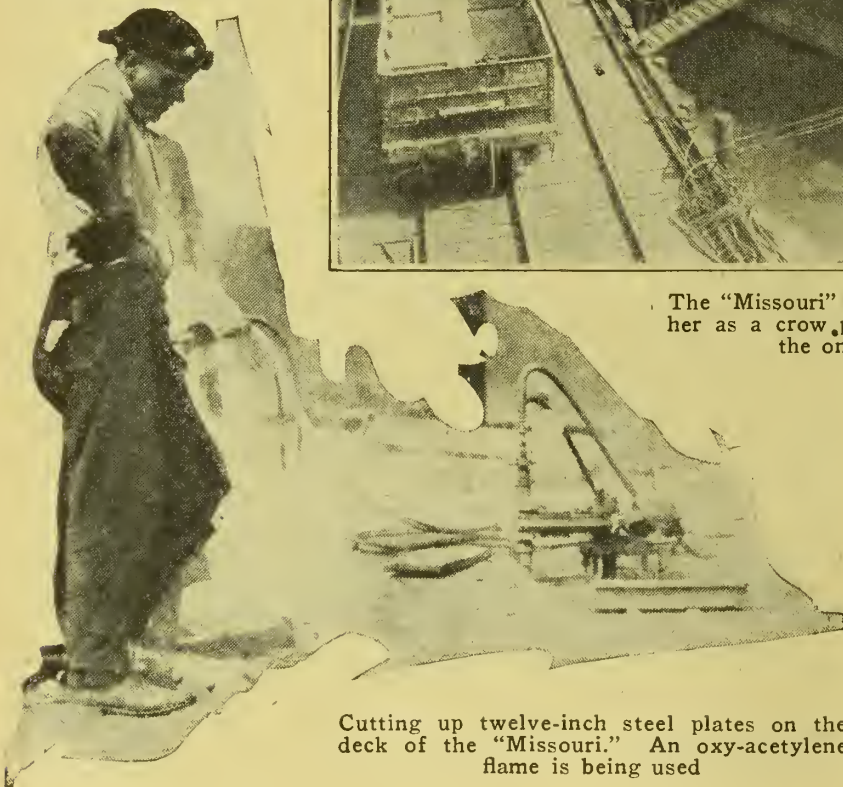
Let us join Isaiah's shade on its rounds of London. We come to the West End, which is an aristocratic neighborhood of that stupendous capital. It is night and we turn with a throng into a brilliant palace from which music emanates. We ascend a gallery and survey the scene below. Ah,

but what is this? A dance hall? Of all places, it is a swagger London dance hall which the ghost of Isaiah has led us to. The music recommences. Dancers resume the floor and glide into the rhythmic tempo of the tango (being revived in London this year). A twinkle in our escort's ghostly eye. He perceives the bewildered cast of our countenance. He speaks:

"I promised to show you proof of the truth of my prophesy, but I see you begin to doubt me. But look you to the floor, the shining floor of this dance hall. Those boards which now support the fantastic toe once echoed to the measured tread of Fisher



The "Missouri" after the dismantling experts had stripped her as a crow picks a bone. Contrast this picture with the one shown on the preceding page



Cutting up twelve-inch steel plates on the deck of the "Missouri." An oxy-acetylene flame is being used

and Beaty, the aye, aye, sir, of hardy British tars; the crash of mighty British guns. The salt of seven seas has washed them, because once they were the deck planks of H. M. S. *Orion*, late first line battleship of the British navy. But they have scrapped her, as the saying is; broken her up, beaten her into plowshares. Yes, perhaps literally into plowshares. Who knows? Her armor plate and mighty guns were melted down. Who can say in what new shapes they have reappeared? And her deck boards become the floor of this dance hall. The same thing. For whatever may be said of dancing, it is unlikely that the practice ever will lead to war. The same cannot be said of the practice of building battleships."

Leaving out of it only the ghostly visitation of the prophet, what I have related is the honest truth. The destruction of warlike instruments, primarily predicted by Isaiah 2,683 years

ago, has become an accomplished fact. England has taken the lead, and as a result a dance hall in the West End of London disports the deck planks of the late *Orion* which led the line when the Grand Fleet passed in review after the surrendered German navy was brought into British waters. The United States also has made its start, anticipating—like England—the ratification of the naval limitations treaty which was drawn up by the representatives of Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy and the United States in Washington in 1921. Last summer the French senate accepted the treaty, and the other nations having previously accepted it, it went into force.

Forthwith our Navy Department began to plan in earnest about the most expensive bit of deliberate devastation this continent has ever seen—the sale under the hammer or the destruction at sea of eleven warships that are

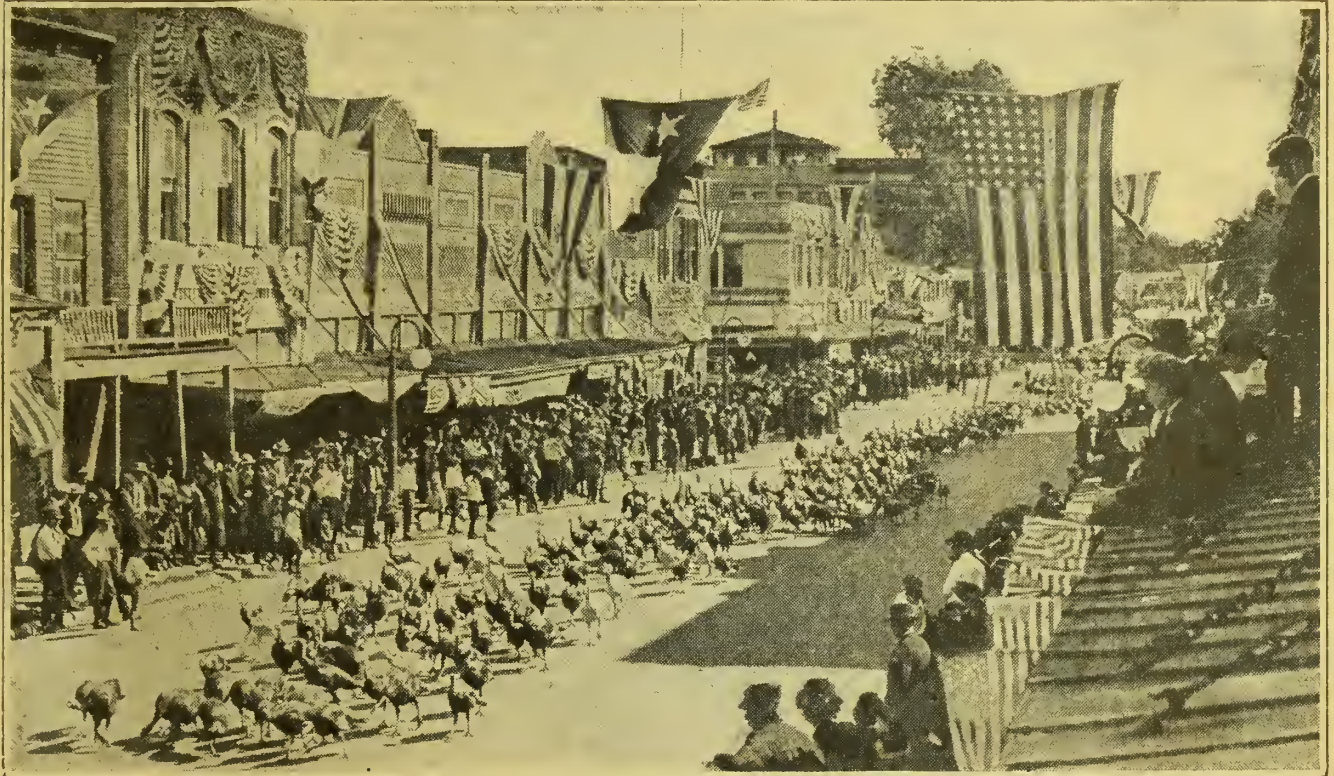
under construction and thirteen vessels which are completed. These ships cost \$185,000,000. If the auctioneer gets for them one percent of this amount he will be a good auctioneer. But if he shouldn't get anything we should be ahead of the game in the financial sense. The Washington treaty saved the country \$394,050,000 for warships the United States was building or going to build before that pact put an end to the sprint for naval supremacy. But money matters are of mighty little account in this concept of arms limitation, the aim of which is to achieve peace on earth, so suppose we drop that angle of the subject for a while.

We have, as I say, already got rid of a certain number of ships which may be included among those ruled out of order by the Washington treaty—thirteen such ships in all. Ten have been sold for junk and three sunk at battle practice. All of these sales were made and one big battleship, the *Iowa*, was sunk before the treaty became effective through ratification by the home governments of the signatory powers. For this we received applause; in fact, we applauded ourselves a bit. We called it a demonstration of our sincerity, our faith. And it was. There is no doubt about it, because President Harding was heart and soul bound up in that treaty which more than any other man he brought about. Yet just the same it was idealism of a practical sort, which after all is the only sort that gets one anywhere. The ships selected for this early scrapping were venerable old timers, each one, and they would not have been a whole lot of comfort

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Posts of The American Legion Throughout the World Are Preparing to Celebrate

The Fifth Birthday of Peace



In some mysterious way Legionnaires of Cuero (Texas) Post last year induced ten thousand turkeys to follow their Armistice Day parade. The parade was designed to celebrate the anniversary of the war's end and also to advertise Cuero as a turkey-raising center. You may have devoured one of these marching gobblers last Thanksgiving or Christmas

PEACE will be five years old on the morning of November 11, 1923. Five years ago that day, at eleven a.m. Meuse-Argonne non-daylight-saving time, some four or five million Americans were military men, conducting a war one minute and the next minute awaking to a realization that they had graduated from it and become veterans. It is mostly pleasant to be a veteran, but it wasn't all pleasantness to be qualifying for veteran-ship. That's why the Legion will celebrate the fifth birthday of peace this year with more vim than any of its individual members ever celebrated his own natal anniversary.

Not that the Legion didn't celebrate the second anniversary of the war's end, or the third, or the fourth, but on those days it didn't come up to the standards of celebration that were set on November 11, 1918. With a few exceptions, veteranism has taken November 11th as it found it; a good day sometimes, and just a day sometimes. It generally de-

pended on what the Legion post in the community did. This year Legion posts in hundreds of communities will do more than ever before.

Ways and means are easy to find, if you remember the war, and who doesn't? Most posts developed their own ways and means last year and the year before. For instance, Winfield F. Brown Post of Paris, Texas, which post, by the way, will have to extend

itself to make the fifth birthday any better celebration than the fourth. In a letter sent to National Commander Alvin Owsley, R. F. Scott, Jr., commander of the post, describes an all-day event that made Paris, Texas, feel that Armistice Day is one of the most important holidays of the year.

"The program," wrote Commander Scott, "started at ten a.m. with a pageant parade representing the growth

of America from the standpoint of institutional history—it was composed of those elements which have singularly contributed to the making of our country; there were representatives of every faith and every class; it was a parade of the constituents of America." More than sixty episodes were illustrated by over fifty decorated floats. "And when I say 'decorated,'" writes Mr. Scott, "I mean that they were beautifully conceived and handsomely executed."

Thousands of school children from rural schools around Paris
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Sanford Post of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, staged battle scenes last Armistice Day with a degree of realism that brought home the importance of the occasion

EDITORIAL

A Nation With Us

NO cause the Legion has ever espoused has won a more spontaneous, discerning and widespread endorsement than the proposal that the United States try to lead the way toward an international conference for the limitation of military aircraft, by this means ending a race for supremacy which threatens the dissolution of the bonds that bind the allied nations and the peace of the world.

News of the Legion's campaign has gone around the world, and it has increased the prestige of the Legion tremendously. It has brought the Legion into the minds of thousands of thinking people, outstanding citizens, many of whom have shown by their utterances that their previous conceptions of the Legion have been widely at variance with the true nature of this organization. The average Legionnaire may be a little amused at the note of surprise which has appeared in the comments of some distinguished persons and influential newspapers over the fact that the Legion should appear as the sponsor for a move for limitation of armament. Somehow the idea seems to have lodged in their minds that the Legion is a sort of swashbuckling outfit as concerns military matters, and that the "bonus" is about the only other thing it cares about.

Curious to say, this opinion has been abroad—and far abroad among those who did not know the Legion's record on questions of military policy and that the Legion's fight for adjusted compensation is only one of a great many things that have engaged its attention. The Legion is for preparedness, certainly. It has been the one large organization that has consistently fought for an adequate Army and Navy, including air forces. But it is also for peace and for disarmament by declaration of a national convention.

Legionnaires know these things, but a considerable share of the public did not know them until lately. Thus the Legion has made friends in new quarters, and something of the true character of the organization and its work has been spread in places where dark prejudices and misconceptions have sprouted heretofore like unhealthy fungus.

The selective poll conducted by the Weekly has indicated that the preponderant majority of public opinion is in favor of a conference to limit military air forces. Of 515 individuals who answered the Weekly's question yes or no, 485 declared themselves in favor of an effort to convoke such a conference. This list embraced leaders of thought in all walks of life, of every political persuasion and from every State. Among those whose favorable opinions have been published are Newton D. Baker, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Ray Stannard Baker, Samuel Gompers, William J. Bryan, Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, Miss Zona Gale, Booth Tarkington, Josephus Daniels, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Senator Arthur Capper, Charles Dana Gibson, Bishop McDowell, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie, Dr. Frank Billings, and Reed Landis, chairman of the Legion's National Committee on Aeronautics. Of 22 senators heard from, all favored a conference; of 103 Congressmen 100 were favorable; of 49 college presidents 47 were favorable; of 235 newspaper editors 217 were favorable; of 88 other private citizens 82 were favorable.

Eleven department conventions of the Legion adopted resolutions endorsing the conference idea. The Inter-Allied Veterans Federation, representing 7,000,000 organized veterans of seven nations, did the same. The official publication of the Great War Veterans of Canada endorsed it.

While able to print only a small part of the favorable views received the Weekly published every communication which came to hand opposing a conference. Among these were the opinions of Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president, University of Chicago; Major General James G. Harbord, Congressman A. Piatt Andrew, Julian Street, Governor

Scrugham of Nevada and E. E. Spafford, newly elected commander of the New York department of the Legion. The Illinois department convention voted against a conference.

Sentiment, therefore, is not unanimous. It seldom is. Neither the Declaration of Independence nor the Constitution was adopted by unanimous vote. But the Weekly does believe that its poll has demonstrated that the sentiment of the country is for an attempt to end this dangerous contest for supremacy in the air.

As one commentator said, it is "America's business to try." And should we try and fail "there will be no disgrace," as another wrote. Also no damage done. On the other hand a great advantage will be gained, because America's duty will then be clear. For if this race is not ended America must enter it and build an air force capable of defending our interests wherever they may be, come what may.

Service to the Public

HEARST'S *International Magazine*, under the direction of that militant editor, Norman Hapgood, has announced a series of articles by Leighton H. Blood, under the title of "Cheating the Veterans," which promises to give certain gripping high-lights of the Legion's long fight to obtain relief for the disabled. The trials of the disabled veteran are well known to members of the Legion and perhaps not all of Mr. Blood's disclosures will be new to readers of the Weekly. This does not detract, however, from their widespread public interest or their worth to the public.

As a whole the public is ignorant of the difficulties of the disabled and the incessant fight the Legion has waged to obtain hospitals and to suppress waste and extravagance—a fight waged against all manner of incompetence and indifference and against porkbarrel and piecounter methods. Within the past seven months the situation has vastly improved and there is little to indicate that a relapse to the disgraceful conditions of the past is imminent or likely. Yet a recapitulation of the story in a magazine of such wide circulation among the general public cannot help but be of great benefit to the disabled, to the Legion and to the country, whose eyes cannot be opened too widely to the struggle that has been waged against such powerful odds.

The Value of a Good Five-Cent Cigar

A CYNIC has been described as one who knows the price of everything but the value of nothing. By contrast a sentimentalist is a fellow who puts an absurd value upon things with little consideration for their actual worth to mankind.

Back in 1919 and '20 when the after-the-war problems seemed their toughest and the country was tramping forward, confused and doubtful, into a clouded future the then vice-president, Mr. Marshall, made a remark which deserves to be recalled:

"What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar."

The vice-president, we think, spoke neither as a cynic nor a sentimentalist. He spoke as a sound citizen who had his head on his shoulders and his feet on the ground. He sought to divert us from some of the fantastic and unreal considerations which at that moment were carrying us farther afield rather than bringing us back to the things that make for normalcy. But time works wonders even in the most confounding situations. The stressful days of '19 and '20 are behind us. Those who ought to know predict that the present tranquillity and prosperity should endure for years, and the National Tobacco Merchants Association lends color to this report with the promise of the speedy return not only of the five-cent cigar, but, in the words of the announcement of the "good five-cent cigar."

More Editorial Opinion on Air Conference Proposal

Newspapers all over the United States have taken up The American Legion's proposal of an international conference to limit war aircraft. Scores of publications numbering millions of readers are actively advocating such a meeting. Brief excerpts from a small part of the hundreds of editorials which have been published on the subject are quoted here.

The Legion Leads in Move for Peace

[From the Louisville Herald]

THE AMERICAN LEGION has never proposed a course more likely to win for it the confidence and gratitude of the people of the United States than that which it now urges in behalf of world peace. . . .

The policy of the Legion has been developed with deliberate wisdom in the task of promoting a warless world. It has shown good sense in avoiding any precipitate approval of programs embodying more of sentiment than practicality. The proposal it now makes has not been hastily conceived. It urges that an international conference be called for the purpose of fixing a limit in the building of army planes for war uses. The proposal has gained the attention of Washington, where it is being given serious consideration.

Obviously there are difficulties in the way, difficulties inherent in the nature of the airplane, which lends itself to conversion from commercial to war service much more readily than the merchant ship and, in converted form, is vastly more effective as a fighting instrument than any merchant ship. This is the objection which first arises. But the raising of it only emphasizes the vital importance of the problem which the Legion proposal brings to our thought.

Already the world regards with a sense of uneasiness the development of European air fleets. . . . The question is still debatable as to the relation aerial warfare may bear to the effectiveness of a naval defense. . . . The destruction of cities in a night's bombing is no phantom fear. We had begun to see only the hint of the destructive possibilities of the plane when the great war came to an end.

Who can doubt, then, that whatever the difficulties involved in the problem, the danger of neglecting it is vastly greater?

The limitation of naval armaments was a splendid step in the direction of security for the world; but if we rest content with that step, in a few years we may find that the growth of aerial forces has carried us back much farther than we had advanced.

The Legion has brought the focus of attention to bear on a peril the world can not afford to ignore. . . .

Air Armament Conference

[From the Indianapolis News]

THE Interallied Federation of War Veterans adopted a resolution at its Brussels conference [which] . . . is in complete harmony with the policy of The American Legion, which, through the medium of The American Legion Weekly, has recently called attention to the French air program and recommended a conference to spare the citizens of the principal powers the expense of unrestricted aircraft construction.

No permanent benefit can come from diverting money saved by seacraft limitation to aircraft building. The veterans

"Stop"



[From the Louisville Courier-Journal]

realize, as all sensible men do, that the money can be put to better use, and if the principal powers agree, as they did at Washington, to prudent armament limits, none need sacrifice its military prestige.

Legion Tries the Impossible

[From the Greensboro (N. C.) Record]

WE wish we knew of some way to become enthusiastic over what the Legionnaires have proposed to do. But we don't. There will be some speech-making, and some of it will, we are confident, be worth listening to. The men who dared

all for America in the belief that they were going to make war impossible in the future should and will get a hearing whenever they ask for it.

Even when they start out to accomplish the impossible, to outlaw war, the peoples of the earth will lend an ear. But what these Americans, aided by those who backed their fighting up at home, were unable to do on the battlefield they cannot do alone in the convention hall.

We wish they could. That they can't, we are certain.

Fine!

[From the Boston Post]

PRaise for The American Legion's plan to obtain a quasi-referendum as to the advisability of an international conference on the limitation of airplane construction for war purposes is widespread. It is also deserved. . . .

This move cannot be called propaganda of pacifists. The Legion men have fought for their country. But they see what the times now demand. . . . We have internationally reduced our warship building; why not also limit the world's hot race for warplane supremacy?

A Worthy Movement

[From the Atlanta Constitution]

CALLING attention to the mad race for armed supremacy in the air, which the nations of Europe have entered, The American Legion will ask President Coolidge to call an international conference for limitation of air forces. . . .

With the precedent of the naval armament limitation conference at Washington to point the way, President Coolidge has every reason to hope that the calling of a similar conference, for the limitation of the forces of the skies, will be productive of good results, and it is sincerely to be hoped that he will lend a sympathetic ear to the request of The American Legion. . . .

Numerous United States senators, congressmen, governors and other party citizens, irrespective of party lines, have indorsed the conference proposed by the Legion and it is certain that President Coolidge,

should he see fit to call the conference, will receive the whole-hearted support of the entire nation, with party politics forgotten.

The movement started by The American Legion to have the nations agree to limit their air armament is one of the finest things this organization has undertaken. It is no easy task to which the Legion has addressed itself. But the object sought is so commendable that it is to be hoped that it will not be discouraged by obstacles.—Yonkers (N. Y.) Herald.

We are inclined to agree with the President that an international conference on limitation of aerial armament might prove a difficult un-

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Extry! Hot from San Francisco

THANKS to a special—oh, terribly special!—invention which has just been invented, the details of which have not yet been disclosed even to the United States Patent Office, the Weekly is able in this issue to present some hot-on-the-spot incidents direct from the Fifth National Convention at San Francisco. This feat will be regarded as all the more remarkable when the reader considers that the convention will not open until next Monday! Probably never before in history has a convention been reported so many days in advance. Anyone questioning the accuracy of any or all of the following news items will be required to prove it ain't so.

From The American Legion Weekly's Special High-powered Valve-gear'd Correspondent, San Francisco, Cal., October 19, 1923.



They know where they're going and they're on their way

GROUP of ex-orderlies vociferously applaud ex-Captain Dandie when they discover him shining his own boots.

Ex-Private Manley disables for life hash-slinger in local beanery who sets before him, by mistake, a plate of corned beef and bean soup intended for another patron.

Severe casualties reported in friendly debate between representatives of various branches of the service as to who won the war and why.

Ex-bucks desiring army atmosphere flock to cafeterias rather than restaurants. Ex-Corporal Phillips goes back for seconds. Ex-Sergeant Gunn creates sensation by absent-mindedly carrying out his dirty dishes.

Twenty-percent men seen scouring streets with notebooks of unpaid accounts in their hands.

Clerk in army goods store, undoubtedly an ex-service man, palms off a forty-four shirt on ex-Supply Sergeant Foote, who is a perfect thirty-eight.

Little Joe as reticent about appearing in former days.

Belleau Wood recaptured by ex-marines.

Ex-Buck Loaf, who wooed and lost little Phoebe, does K. P. for his meals in restaurant while waiting for addi-

tional funds to be wired him from home.

M. P. Railroad shunned by Legionnaires coming to convention.

Street sweeping department given tips by delegates on how to police the streets successfully.

Company gimmies still bumming cigarettes.

Local 35, Blacksmiths' Union, sends nineteen ex-army cooks to the convention.

Ex-Gob Vain, who appears in a beautiful broadcloth uniform, is discovered by his shipmates to have appointed himself a boatswain's mate since discharge.

Ex-second loolie who wears only a 6 3/4 hat discovered.

Open season declared on buglers who have brought their noise-makers with them.

Ex-buck discovered who remembers his rifle number.

Resolution unofficially adopted beseeching Horse Lovers' Association to afford protection to wornout cab horses during next war and thus restrict the manufacture of canned willie.

Ex-Gobs from patrol service hire merry-go-round to get proper atmosphere for old-time caulking-off party. Ex-Quartermaster Bungstarter sleeps thirty-five consecutive hours in a trash

can, thinking it is a crow's nest.

Story of American Negro stevedore who tried to talk to French African soldiers and concluded with "Yo' been here so long yo' done fer-git yo' own language?" is recited 2,478,399 times.

Well-meaning traffic officer is set upon by infuriated crowd for saying, "You can't stand there," to motorist who halted in non-parking area.

References to banana shortage result in 4,534 justifiable homicides.

Delegate who remarked in an evil moment that the kings of France did not rank very high because they were all Looeys expected to be discharged from hospital in time to take advantage of low-rate return ticket.

Hawaiian delegate is overheard referring to fact that this is his first trip east in four years.

Visiting French veteran is surprised to learn that the San Francisco

Chamber of Commerce does not issue its own money.

Captains of river boats report their compasses have all been drained.

Ex-Ensign Shoreleave borrows sextant, takes meridian altitude, and discovers that San Francisco is in the same latitude with the Orkney Islands.

Two gobs who admit they never saw the North Sea form protective association with four Marines who were not at Belleau Wood.

Ex-Pharmacist's Mate C. C. Pills mobbed by irate men in navy blue for referring to the "floor" of his hotel.

Ingenious vet repays in francs hundred-franc loan made in 1918, when they were 5.70 to the dollar instead of 16 as at present.

Civil war breaks out in divisional camps over capture of Montfaucon and Grand-Pré, only ground for agreement being general concession by all parties involved that these towns are no longer occupied by the Germans.

Convention delegates from San Francisco itself storm offices of local trolley company demanding round-trip for one-way fare from their homes to convention hall.

Bellicose top-kick who didn't get enough in 1918 charges through Chinatown trying to start a tong war.

"Hail, hail, the gang's all here!"

FIDAC Goes Forward



Delegates to the Fourth International Congress of the FIDAC, standing on the steps of the Brussels Bourse (cross marks National Commander Alvin Owsley of The American Legion), watch Bel-

LAST month National Commander Alvin Owsley was called upon to deliver in person The American Legion's message to the veterans of Europe. He did this and got Europe's response. The result is a milestone worth noting in the progress of a world association of former fighting men who know the futility of fighting any more.

The association in question is the FIDAC—the Fédération Interalliée des Anciens Combattants, which aspires to be a union of the veterans of all of the nations that fought on the Allied side in the World War. And it makes progress toward that goal, which is a distant goal and hard to reach. Last month in Brussels was held the fourth international conference of this FIDAC. The third conference, it will be recalled, was held last year in New Orleans, where the FIDAC really got on its feet and made its ripple in the pool of the world's affairs by declaring for peace, universal disarmament and a world court. This year at Brussels the FIDAC kept its feet and took a few steps forward, a few firm steps forward. It made a bigger ripple.

In these proceedings the Legion played an important part, but played

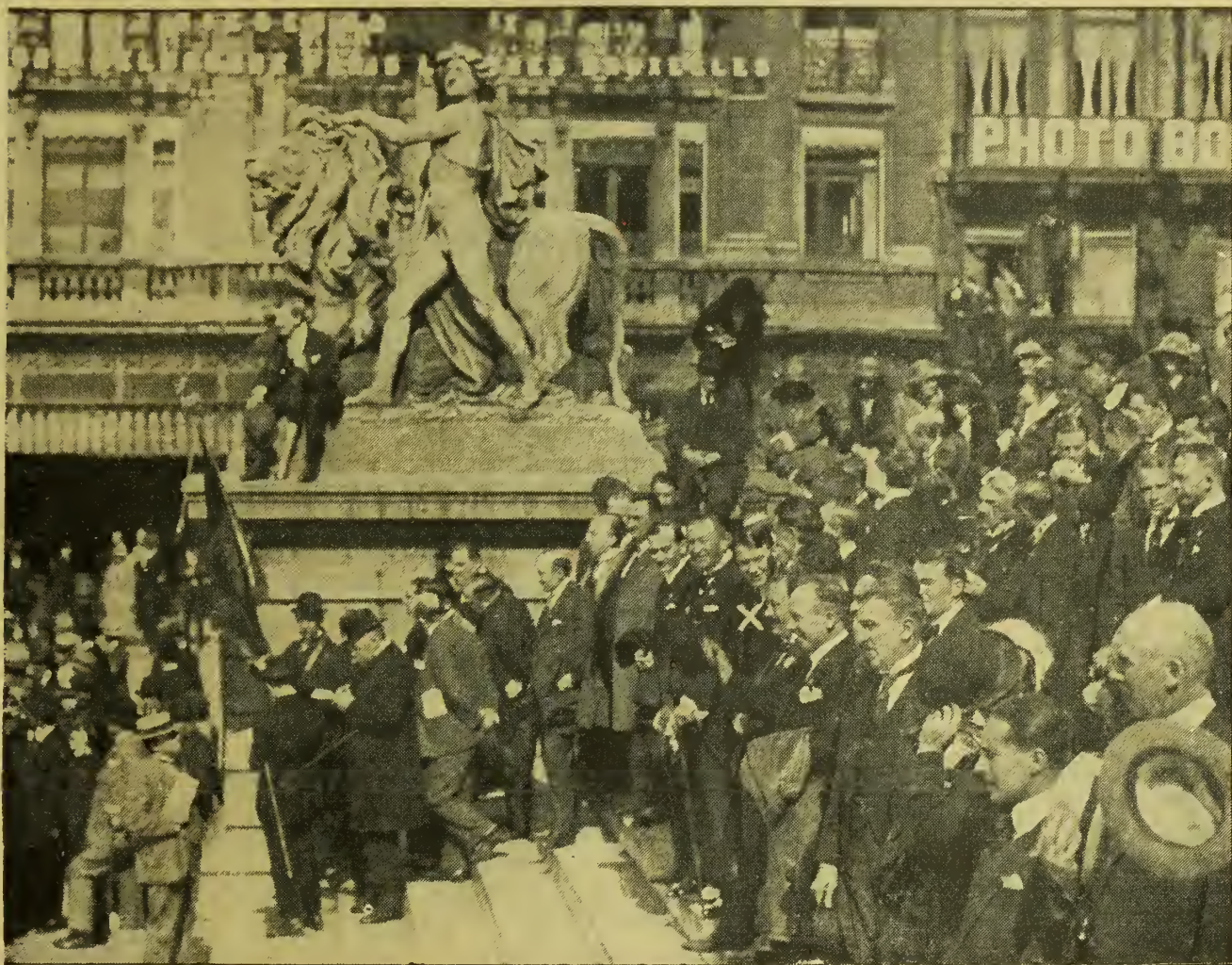
it modestly. The Legion has played an important part from the start with the FIDAC. Legion men helped organize the FIDAC in the fall of 1920. On the way to Brussels Commander Owsley and his colleagues stopped off in England and in France, and were officially welcomed on behalf of the British and French governments. Then they went to Brussels and sat in with the representatives of the veterans of Great Britain, France, Belgium, Roumania, Czecho-Slovakia and the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, the spokesmen of seven million organized veterans whose voice is becoming heard in the world.

THE American delegates were Mr. Owsley, H. Nelson Jackson of Vermont, who is a vice-president of the Fédération, and who was chairman of the American delegation; L. R. Gignil-liat of Indiana; Roy Hoffman, Oklahoma; Ernest G. Thompson, Texas; R. E. Condon, New York.

Probably the decision of the congress which is of greatest interest to the Legion is the endorsement of the Legion's campaign for an international conference to limit military aircraft

armaments and remove the danger to peace which comes from the present race for supremacy in the sky. The proposal was made by the American delegation. It was shown to be in keeping with the declaration of the congress last year at New Orleans, when the delegates went on record for disarmament. But disarmament cannot be achieved at a step. It must come by degrees, and the first degree, the Americans pointed out, is limitation. A special committee on which each nation was represented was named to consider the matter. The committee labored long and reported unanimously a declaration inviting all citizens of the world "desirous of establishing a permanent and just peace to recommend to their respective governments the calling at the earliest possible moment of a conference to carry on the work of disarmament in naval and air forces so auspiciously inaugurated at the Washington conference."

The Ruhr naturally presented a knotty question. The French and Belgian delegates, of course, would have liked to see the FIDAC go on record as definitely supporting the stand of the occupying countries—a stand the Legion has taken independently in the



gium's veterans file past in one of the most impressive processions seen in Europe since the Armistice. At the Commander's right is H. Nelson Jackson, chairman of the American delegation

United States. But the British felt this a question which should be dealt with in more general terms, and the upshot was a resolution which covered the same ground by declaring that Germany had acted in bad faith in the matter of reparations and expressing the hope that the old Allies would remain united on a program to coerce Germany into paying if she would not pay otherwise.

The Italo-Greek crisis was at its height during the sessions, and in the interest of peace the Congress adopted a resolution which was dispatched by telegraph to the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva asking the League to intervene and settle the dispute between Italy and Greece. The American delegation refrained from voting on this question because the United States is not a member of the League.

The "mutual helpfulness" clause in the Constitution of The American Legion was made international. The committee on claims of the congress passed a resolution providing for reciprocal relief for destitute veterans in foreign lands. A Legionnaire in unfortunate circumstances abroad will be directed to the nearest post of a foreign veterans' society, and a foreign comrade in this

country to the nearest post of the Legion.

At the opening session of the congress Commander Owsley delivered an address which attracted wide attention.

He said he hoped the day might come when the veterans of Germany and of Russia might be admitted to the Fédération. Such admission, the commander declared, should be contingent on the payment of reparations by Germany, the institution of a stable government in Russia and the discontinuance of Russian revolutionary activities directed against the governments of other nations. But Commander Owsley made an eloquent and a stirring plea for an eventual union of the veterans of all the world.

"WE represent here the men who did the fighting," he said. "Surely there must be some way in which we can speak to the men we fought and make them realize there is a better way of living among nations than by continually battling one another. They are the only menacing power you see on your horizon. How can we wish to deal with our former enemies if we haven't the moral courage to get together in

peace? France and Belgium positively are entitled to reparations, but hoarding and keeping in our heart ancient prejudices will not bring the peace we earned by our victory."

"On behalf of France and Belgium, who suffered most particularly, whose soil was invaded and devastated," replied M. Bertrand, president of the FIDAC, "I say that we are ready to forgive and forget, but in order that there may be forgiveness, there must be repentance. For four years Germany has been intact and she has failed to show either forgiveness or repentance. As soon as the first sign of good will to pay reparations is shown by our former enemies, the French and Belgians will be ready to extend our hand, and perhaps open our hearts."

M. Bertrand, who is a member of the French House of Deputies, was elected president of the FIDAC for the fourth time. H. Nelson Jackson of the Legion was re-elected a vice-president. The other officers chosen are: Vice-presidents, Col. Crossfield, Great Britain; M. Janne, Belgium; M. Janculesco, Rumania; treasurer, A. N. Barlow, Great Britain, and secretary, M. Davigneau, France. The next congress will be held in London beginning September 15, 1924. A

vast series of brilliant entertainments and spectacles was woven into the program of the congress, the chief of which was a parade of veterans of Belgium. Many wives of veterans and many Belgian war orphans marched. Commander Owsley declared it was one of the most impressive sights he had witnessed since the war.

It was a hearty welcome that France and Paris gave to the Legion delegates on their way to Brussels. On their arrival from London they were received at the station by high representatives of the French Government. Nor were the buddies of the Commander absent.

When he stepped from the train and came to attention as a French military band burst into the strains of "The Star-Spangled Banner" his eyes rested on the flag of his country and the standard of his Legion flanked on either side by the tin-hatted, O. D.-garbed color guard of Paris Post, surrounded by officers of the post and of the Department of Continental Europe.

In the street before the station a surprise was in store for the Legionnaires from America, for they were to receive their first tangible demonstration of the regard of the French people for The American Legion. The courtyard was black with people, as were the streets beyond, for the coming of Commander Owsley and his party and

the fact that the Legion was the first organization in America publicly to approve of the occupation of the Ruhr had been given much publicity in the French press. And so it was that the Legion, through its Commander and its delegates, received from that throng a message of gratitude. Time after time was overheard a remark which the Commander himself possibly did not hear. "Mais il est jeune," said the crowd, which evidently expected a venerable personage, evidently having forgotten that the great bulk of the A. E. F. was "jeune aussi."

Late though it was in the evening, the first official act of Commander Owsley on reaching Paris was one that found its way into the hearts of the

Rambouillet, the summer home of the Presidents of France. They were accompanied by M. Bertrand and other French veterans. After greeting each of the delegates President Millerand said, "France asks but one thing, and that is that her friends come and see for themselves the action which she has been forced to take, and on returning to their homes that they tell in all impartiality that which they have seen."

That evening the visitors were dinner guests of Paris Post. Commander Owsley told the Paris Legionnaires of what their organization was doing at home. He told of the fight for the care of the disabled and of the battle for adjusted compensation, which latter he

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Commander Owsley, on the restaurant platform of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, points out Napoleon's tomb to Roy Hoffman of Oklahoma, member of the American FIDAC delegation

French people. Before going to his hotel the Commander and the American delegation made their way to the Arc de Triomphe beneath which sleeps the Unknown Poilu of France. Up the Champs Elysées marched the delegation, escorted by Paris Post. As the colors passed on and up beneath the Arc hats were doffed to the flag and to the days which it recalled. Beneath that beautiful monument, now become the national shrine of France, Commander Owsley placed a bronze tablet in the name of The American Legion.

The following day the party were the guests of President Millerand and Mme. Millerand at



The entire FIDAC delegation on the steps of the Brussels Bourse. Commander Owsley, with hat raised, stands in front of the second column. Third beyond him, in the center of the picture, is Charles Bertrand of France, re-elected FIDAC's president for a fourth term

LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

COLORADO

AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT: Recommended that President call an international conference for limitation of air armament.

AMERICANISM: Protested against consideration by President of any application for pardoning of those serving sentences for offenses during war involving disloyalty until such time as the case of every service man serving a sentence for an infraction of military discipline shall have been investigated and propriety of his pardon determined.

INSURANCE: Recommended renewal of campaign by Veterans Bureau to induce service men to reinstate government insurance policies.

MEMBERSHIP: Recommended that capable organizers be placed in field to increase membership of Legion.

PEACE: Endorsed American Peace Award, established by Edward Bok, to develop plan for preservation of world peace.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Favored co-operation by local, state and Federal authorities to establish a system of physical education for school children of nation.

PUBLICATION: Recommended conversion of *Denver Legionnaire* into a department publication.

VETERANS BUREAU: Suggested that additional authority be given district managers of Bureau to enable them to make final adjustments of total disability, death and insurance claims. Recommended changes in law to help service men suffering from venereal diseases. Recommended that Bureau adopt policy of advertising for bids for burial of service men at fixed price and select undertakers on basis of service rendered. Requested Veterans Bureau to station chaplain in each Bureau hospital. Declared in favor of rule by which men in vocational training should be permitted to continue their courses until, in opinion of a board of examiners, they are capable of filling a position in vocation for which they are trained.

MISCELLANEOUS: Requested posts to contribute to a fund for the purchase of a set of colors for the U. S. S. Colorado. Recommended appointment of colored Legionnaires to represent colored veterans at National Headquarters of the Legion.

DELAWARE

AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT: Endorsed proposal that United States take initiative in assembling an international conference to limit by agreement construction of fighting aircraft.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Urged co-operation by local, state and Federal administrative authorities in establishing physical education for school children of nation.

VETERANS BUREAU: Recommended replacement by service men of non-service men employed by Bureau.

WELFARE: Called on Department of Justice to make survey of all Federal penal institutions to ascertain whether any service men now serving sentences were led to commit crime because of disabilities incurred in line of war duty.

MISCELLANEOUS: Requested all Delaware Legionnaires to contribute to fund for Japanese relief. Approved American Legion subscription Service and pledged assistance in extending the circulation of The American Legion Weekly among non-Legionnaires.

KANSAS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Amended by-laws to provide that post elections should be held at first regular meeting following Armistice Day and to require that all post finance officers be bonded for twice the amount of funds to come under their control. Urged a national Legion constitutional amendment to authorize formation of colored posts throughout country.

CONVENTION: Went on record as deploring anything which might be interpreted as disorderly or lawless action in connection with Legion conventions.

EDUCATION: Rescinded action of department convention of 1921 which called for supervision by public school authorities of all schools of State in regard to teaching qualifications and educational requirements.

FATHERS' AUXILIARY: Instructed National Convention delegates to work for national recognition of Fathers' Auxiliary units which have been established.

FINANCE: Instructed department adjutant to supply each post with uniform accounting system. Authorized expenditure of \$1,500 of department funds to pay expenses of official department band to San Francisco convention.

ORPHANS: Instructed delegates to National Convention to use every means possible to have first National American Legion Children's Home located in Kansas.

PEACE: Endorsed efforts of American Peace Award Association, founded by Edward Bok, to find a practicable plan for insuring world peace.

POPPIES: Recommended to National Convention adoption of plan for manufacture and sale of artificial poppies by disabled veterans in co-

operation with The American Legion Auxiliary.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Endorsed movement for physical education for all school children to be insured by joint action of local, state and national school officials.

MISCELLANEOUS: Urged posts to become interested in The American Legion Weekly's National Subscription Service. Petitioned Department of State to obtain release of an American citizen held prisoner in Germany in connection with alleged attempt to abduct Grover C. Bergdoll, and requested diplomatic steps be taken to induce German government to surrender Grover C. Bergdoll to United States.

MAINE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Endorsed French occupation of the Ruhr.

FLAG: Formally adopted for guidance of department the code of flag etiquette prepared at flag conference held under Legion auspices in Washington.

INSURANCE: Recommended that reinstatement provisions applying to government insurance be amended to equalize requirements so that totally disabled service men not able to reinstate under present conditions may obtain protection they require.

PEACE: Endorsed movement initiated by The American Legion Weekly to procure an International conference to end the race among nations to obtain supremacy in the air. Endorsed also proposal for establishment of an international court in which United States shall be represented.

VETERANS BUREAU: Opposed proposed transfer of all disabled service men now undergoing treatment in Maine hospitals to hospitals in North Carolina and South Carolina. Recommended that showing of ten percent degree of actual tuberculosis within four years after discharge from service shall be considered sufficient evidence to entitle service man to compensation, treatment or hospitalization. Recommended also that present three-year period of presumptive proof of existence of mental or nervous disease due to service be extended to four years.

OHIO

AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT LIMITATION: Recommended that President call another conference of world powers to frame treaties for limitation of fighting aircraft.

AMERICANISM: Recommended that all posts organize citizenship classes to aid applicants for naturalization. Called upon Ohio Department of Education to review all schoolbooks and expunge all matter deemed un-American and unpatriotic. Adopted resolution formally endorsing observance by Legion of Constitution Week and American Education Week each year.

DISABLED OFFICERS: Advocated passage of Federal law to give disabled emergency officers of World War same retirement rights as are held by Regular Army officers.

FLAG: Petitioned Ohio Legislature to enact law requiring display of flag in every schoolroom in State.

IMMIGRATION: Opposed any weakening of present immigration policy and proposed more stringent regulations if any changes are to be made in existing law.

INSURANCE: Recommended that Postmaster General make effective Section 410 of the War Risk Insurance Act, which provides that premiums on government insurance may be paid at postoffices. Urged steps to end delays in adjustment of death claims by insurance division of Veterans Bureau. Advocated law to make possible payment of government insurance to beneficiaries of service men who died in service before they had been afforded opportunity of taking out War Risk Insurance policies.

LEGISLATION: Endorsed proposal for establishment of special committee of Congress to handle all matters relating to legislation in the interests of service men.

MILITARY POLICY: Endorsed National Defense Act of 1920 and urged that Congress make provision for full execution of this law. Reaffirmed

Ohio department's support of naval reserve and Ohio naval militia. Endorsed universal service resolution adopted by fourth national convention of Legion at New Orleans.

ORPHANS: Directed appointment of committee to conduct survey of World War orphans and to study all factors involved in their care, committee to report annually to department commander. Voted to contribute \$5,000 to endowment fund for memorial school and library at Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans' Home at Xenia.

MISCELLANEOUS: Petitioned National Convention to make necessary changes in National Constitution and By-Laws to permit posts which have been refused charters by a department to be granted charters by National Headquarters, such posts to be rated as members-at-large of national organization. Recommended that existing time limit on award of World War medals be eliminated. Petitioned Department of State to use its influence to obtain fair trial for C. Hooven Griffis, a member of Hamilton (O.) Post, now held prisoner in Germany after attempted abduction of Grover C. Bergdoll.

OREGON

AMERICANISM: Recommended public ceremonies in connection with granting of citizenship to aliens. Urged support of Legion's National Essay Contest. Commended Mrs. Anna McCormick of Tacoma, Washington, for gift of \$100,000 to endow chair of History and Patriotism at Pacific University. Opposed pardoning of so-called political prisoners. Endorsed proposal for revision of school texts to eliminate un-American and unpatriotic sentiment.

BOY SCOUTS: Pledged support to Boy Scout movement.

FLAG: Advocated designation of Flag Day, June 14th, as legal holiday in Oregon. Urged that flag be displayed on every public building, schoolhouse and polling place.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Endorsed French occupation of the Ruhr.

IMMIGRATION: Reaffirmed support of Legion's national immigration policy calling for suspension of all immigration for five years. Reaffirmed support of law prohibiting land holding by aliens ineligible to American citizenship. Declared opposition to smuggling of orientals into United States. Urged deportation of all aliens eligible to citizenship who have lived in United States ten years without applying for citizenship and those whose applications have been denied for good cause.

INSURANCE: Declared for liberalization of War Risk Insurance rulings.

MEMBERSHIP: Urged that Allied veterans, American citizens, be made eligible to Legion membership.

MEMORIAL: Petitioned Congress for appropriation for erection of memorial at end of Lewis and Clark trail.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Recommended co-operation of local, state and Federal authorities to establish system of physical education for all school children.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Declared for principle of universal draft in time of war applying to capital and labor as well as to men for fighting.

LEGISLATION: Favored immediate passage of Federal Adjusted Compensation Bill and of bill giving disabled emergency officers same retirement rights as are held by Regular Army officers.

RED CROSS: Thanked American Red Cross for financial assistance it has extended in Legion's liaison work.

VETERANS BUREAU: Protested against "centralization" of Bureau. Urged that necessary steps be taken to insure efficient medical personnel in all departments of Bureau. Recommended that examinations of patients by physicians be made basis of ratings instead of records in district office of Bureau. Advocated extension of observation period in tuberculosis from three to six years.

VIRGINIA

CITIZENSHIP: Urged all Legionnaires to qualify as voters.

FLAG: Recommended that Legion posts in every town and city obtain erection of community flagpoles. Urged teaching of proper usage and etiquette of flag.

HISTORY: Recommended that continuous compilation of Legion's history be insured by preparation of a year book by each post historian.

MEMBERSHIP: Urged that each post have an annual enrollment day to receive applications for membership.

MEMORIALS: Approved erection of a permanent memorial at Yorktown to mark graves of French soldiers buried during Revolutionary War. Voted for erection of a monument in Richmond and preparation of list of Virginians who died in World War and designated a committee to carry out these plans.

Graves Fund Total

To September 15th - \$152,657.17

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September 28th 697.07

Total to September 28th \$153,354.24

Fathers' Auxiliary Charters to Be Issued Soon

WITHIN the next few months National Headquarters of The American Legion expects to issue charters to a large number of units of the Fathers' Auxiliary which have been organized by posts in almost every department under authority given by the Fourth National Convention at New Orleans. An emblem will also be selected for the new branch of the Legion and lapel buttons will be supplied to its members through the National Emblem Division at Indianapolis.

The New Orleans convention, in approving the formation of a Fathers' Auxiliary, stipulated that membership should be restricted to fathers of Legionnaires and fathers of men who died in service. It also specified that the only units of the Auxiliary should be those attached to posts, and that the Auxiliary should have no county, state or national organization.

The necessary preliminary steps toward the formation of the Fathers' Auxiliary were undertaken after the organization had been discussed at the conference of department adjutants held in Indianapolis in January and at the meeting of the National Executive Committee at Indianapolis in May. At this last meeting the National Adjutant was authorized to prepare a charter form and ritual and to select an emblem for the Auxiliary.

Fathers' Auxiliary units already organized have been operating under constitutions which each has drafted. Some of the most successful units are those of Martin Wallburg Post of Westfield, New Jersey; Craig Schlosser, Jr., Post of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Capitol Post of Topeka, Kansas, and Frank L. Glick Post of Marshalltown, Iowa.

San Francisco Convention Will Have Own Navy Day

THE Fifth National Convention of the Legion will have a Navy Day of its own on the first day of the convention, October 12th. C. C. Thomas Navy Post of San Francisco, in preparing its plans for the occasion, has arranged for a luncheon at the Palace Hotel for all visiting delegates from navy posts. Admiral Robert E. Coontz has said he will attend, and invitations have also been extended to Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and General Pershing. All delegates from navy posts have been asked to register at the Manx Hotel on arrival in San Francisco, at which time complimentary tickets to the luncheon will be provided. Announcement of activities for the rest of the day will be made at the luncheon.

National Convention Returns to Be Broadcasted by WJZ

"LEGION Night on the Air," inaugurated on September 19th by Alfred Wilson Post of Brooklyn, New York, is to be an established feature on the schedule of WJZ, the Radio Corporation of America's powerful broadcasting station in New York City. The first monthly program three weeks ago was pronounced by radio officials one of the best that had gone forth from this station. Letters of congratulation and thanks were received from widely-scattered Legionnaires, particularly from comrades who are in hospitals. The newly-elected department commander of New York, E. E. Spafford, sent out a message of greeting to the Legionnaires and of



Department Commander E. E. Spafford of New York broadcasting a message from the powerful station WJZ, New York City, at the first "Legion Night on the Air," directed last month by Alfred Wilson Post of Brooklyn. The next Legion Night will be held October 26th

cheer and encouragement to the disabled men. Elsie Janis and Carroll McComas, prominent stage celebrities who were in the top rank of A. E. F. entertainers during the war, both made their radio debut. Kings County Commander E. A. Simmons made a short talk. The balance of the program consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers and a generous supply of dance music rendered by Wilson Post's orchestra.

Alfred Wilson Post intends scooping all other Legion outfits in the distribution of National Convention returns. Legionnaires and Legion posts equipped with radio should stand by on the evening of October 19th, the final day of the National Convention in San Francisco, and tune in on Station WJZ at 8:05 p. m., Eastern standard time. Announcement will be made of the election of new National Commander and the place and date of the 1924 National Convention.

The second regular monthly program will broadcast from Station WJZ on Friday evening, October 26th, from nine p. m. until 11:30 p. m., Eastern standard time. Addresses will be made by Commander Ira N. Frain of Wilson Post and other Legionnaires. Buddy-in-the-Barrel, famous ad-getter of the Weekly, will make his radio debut. A program of entertainment, including Broadway operatic and theatrical stars, interspersed with dance music from the post orchestra, will occupy the greater part of the evening.

One of the chief reasons for creating this new Legion feature is to provide entertainment for men still in hospitals, and special arrangements are being made to have these men enjoy the Legion programs. Many veteran hospitals have already been equipped with radio sets by Legion posts and Auxiliary units.

Remember the station—WJZ—and remember the dates.

Orphans Committee Recommends National Home

IN whatever plan The American Legion adopts for the care and education of the orphaned and destitute children of service men of the World War it must be watchful for attempts to exploit these children by those seeking cheap labor, members of the Legion's National War Orphans Committee were told by child welfare experts at a meeting held recently at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The committee was addressed by the superintendents of large orphans' homes located in many sections of the country and by experts who had conducted national investigations of the care of orphans on behalf of other organizations. During the meeting the committee prepared a report summing up the results of investigations it has made during the year in every part of the country and containing recommendations based on its findings. This report will be submitted for the consideration of the Fifth National Convention of the Legion.

The members of the committee who attended the meeting were George A. Withers, of Clay Center, Kansas, chairman; A. H. McKnew, of San Francisco; Edwin Hollenbeck, of Philadelphia; Mark T. McKee, of Detroit, and William B. Healey, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. They agreed that the increasing number of orphaned and destitute children of service men will eventually require the establishment of a system of Legion homes distributed through the United States, but they decided to recommend that one national institution be founded as soon as possible, to be maintained by contributions from each department in proportion to membership. The committee also discussed the offer made by the Kansas department to furnish a site for the national home, a large farm tract which has been given to the department by Dan Dabney, the father of two deceased Kansas service men. This offer will be submitted to the National Convention with a favorable recommendation.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

FOURTH DIV.—Reunion in San Francisco, Oct. 15-19, in conjunction with Legion National Convention. Get in touch with Robert W. Norton, 230 Russ bldg., San Francisco.

U. S. S. RAIL.—Reunion of former crew during Legion National Convention, San Francisco, Oct. 15-19. Address J. W. Stevenson, 514 W. Main st., Visalia, Cal.

BASE HOSP. 61.—Reunion Oct. 26, 27, New York City. Headquarters at Hotel Pennsylvania. Address Dr. Robert H. Fowler, 153 E. 63d st., New York City.

GREEN CANARIES.—Green Canaries will sing again at Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 12-14, during annual reunion of 29th Division Association. Address Major Cement, Hotel Tattersal, Paterson, N. J.

Co. C, 305TH INF., 77TH DIV.—Third annual reunion and dinner, New York City, Nov. 10. Address M. Belaief, 27 West 25th st., New York.

22d INF.—All former members who attend Legion National Convention are requested to call at office of Monroe M. Friedman, Federal Realty bldg., Oakland, Cal., to arrange reunion.

Co. A, 314TH ENGRS., 89TH DIV.—Third annual reunion, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 10-11. Address Roy Crane, 608 Interstate bldg., Kansas City.

Outfit reunion headquarters, San Francisco, Oct. 15-19: **FIRST DIV.**—Hotel Whitecomb, Civic Center; **THIRD DIV.**—Clubrooms, San Francisco Post, A. L., 1159 Market st.; **81ST DIV.**—Same as Third Div. Former Third Division men are requested to write to Lt. George Beatty, 80th Inf., Presidio, or Hilary H. Crawford, 519 California st., San Francisco. 81st Division men should also get in touch with Mr. Crawford.

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That Settles That

Boss: "Now why on earth do you insist on sliding that roll of sandpaper along the floor? Can't you carry it on your shoulder?"

Hardware Clerk: "Aw, what difference does it make?"

Boss: "Never mind! I'll have no one pulling any rough stuff around this place."

Do Tell!

Wee Askem: "Was your landlady surprised when you told her you weren't able to pay the rent?"

Hugh Tellem: "She seemed so to me. All she could say was 'Get out!'"

Brethren

Merton-of-the-Movies: "I can truthfully say that my wife is my severest critic."

J. Henry Peck: "Condolences, sir. I can say the same of mine."

To the Point

"Does your townsman, Mr. Henderson Smythers, have the reputation for being exceptionally intelligent?" queried the stranger.

"We-ell," drawled the native, "I dunno as I'd wanten hurt Hen's feelin's. But if Hen war aillin' none of his intimates would advise him to consult no brain specialist."

Prodigy

"You say Smithers is remarkable. What's remarkable about him?"

"Made a trip abroad and when he returned he hadn't the slightest idea how to save Europe."

Food in the Making

Half-demented Touring Humorist: "There's not a speck of food left."

Chauffeur of Damaged Flivver: "Then we'll have to do without for a couple of days. This thing can't get to the next town before then."

H.-D. T. H.: "But, heavens, man! Can't you make the blamed thing turn turtle?"

Puffically Useless

Rastus: "Ef Ah puts mah money in de bank, kin Ah get it out when Ah wants it?"

Sambo: "Suttinly."

Rastus: "Den what's de sense of mah goin' to all dat trouble?"

It's an Outlet

Betty: "Mamma, does papa shave because he has to, or is it just to give himself a chance to swear?"

Did His Part

"What!" ejaculated the prosecutor. "You say your husband was willing to be shot?"

"Why, yes," replied the pretty defendant in some surprise. "He said he was willing to go to any length to keep the peace in the family."

Columbus

When Christopher Columbus
Sailed from the port o' Spain,
Lured by the dreams that led him
Across the bounding main,
I wonder if he would have been
So anxious to depart
Had his prophetic vision
Glimpsed the things his trip would

Had he sensed Deacon Volstead
And tasted our home brew,
Had he listened to a jazz band
And seen what flappers do,
Had he viewed profiteering,
And labor strikes, and rents,
I think Chris would have murmured
"We'll call this trip off, gents!"

—Edgar Daniel Kram

Too Late

The Foreman: "Send in young Cl
I saw him smoking on a load of po
a while ago and I'm going to fire him."
Rafferty: "Here's part of his hat."



Country Mouse: "I thought they were wearing dresses much longer this season."

City Mouse: "I haven't noticed any change."

Mere Incid

Lady Tour
"That cowboy there can't be terrible as you try to make out to be. I no carefully and wasn't a sin notch in the bu his gun."

Old Nati
"Waal, mum, y he don't con shootin' a fe enough reason marrin' up gun."

Plenty

"Ah, yes," the proud first-parent. "When doctor annoy

that you are the father of twins—that thrill that comes once in a lifetime."

"Well," grunted the father of eight nine, "that's often enough."

Just for a Time

Miss: "Men are so different!"
Mrs.: "Yes, my dear, until you begi marry them."

What?

A pretty peach had many dates
But wed' at last a nut;
They had a pair in the shape of twir
A fruitful union—what?

All's Well That Ends Well

Duke De Cease: "I understand that marriage to that American heiress er unhappily."

Count De Cay: "Ah, but no. She most happy—she was delighted—to get divorce."

Barks from a Pup Tent

Not satisfied with their other dre measures, the reformers now have a on foot to take away our cigarettes. The not reformers. They're fag-natics.

If they are really serious about it, have the makin's of a good fight on t hands.

The fall is the time of the year we le

hat a busy little worker the moth is. A
ole in the ground is worth beaucoup in the
ercoat.
Just back from a vacation in Central
merica, we learned that the famed banana
ortage is a false alarm.
And the big thrill down there is to have
omeone glim your coat lapel and ask:
What post, buddie?"—Bill Netch.

Back Door Etiquette

"Now I'd like to know what you want!"
ported the angry housewife as she con-
fronted the tattered stranger standing tim-
ly on the back steps.
But the dusty one was in no way discon-
orted. He considered a moment and then
ked mildly:
"Well—what have you?"

In the Zoo

Miss Hippo: "What's Gladys Leopard so
gry about?"
Miss Lioness: "The dry cleaners guar-
anteed to take the spots off her coat and
ey didn't do it."

A Nasty One

Not always is the col-ored citizen improvi-
ent. Occasionally he is a keen business
an.
An Atlanta white man gave a nickel to
young Negro who had performed for
m some trifling service. The Negro
oked at the coin askance and then, a cor-
al smile breaking over his features,
nded it back.
"Deed, suh," he ejaculated, "yo' knows
h don' want no pay fo' what Ah done.
s' gimme dat ole suit o' clothes yo' got
—dat's enough."

Reinforced

It was the middle of the night when
nith, returning home late, was bowled
er as his neighbor Jones, running at full
eed, collided with him.
"What's your hurry?" he demanded.
"I'm—ugh—ugh—going for the police!"
nted Jones. "We've got a burglar in our
use!"
"But surely you haven't left your wife
one?"
"Oh—ugh—ugh—she isn't alone. She's
ting on the burglar."

Unpardonable Ignorance

Marriage License Clerk: "Have you
en married before, and if so, how many
es?"
Actress: "Good heavens! Don't you read
newspapers?"

Concern

I never stop to ponder
As to whether we
Have ancestral monkeys
On the family tree.

But I'm always striving,
As the swift years pass,
To live so that the future
Won't think that I'm an ass.

A Hard Battle

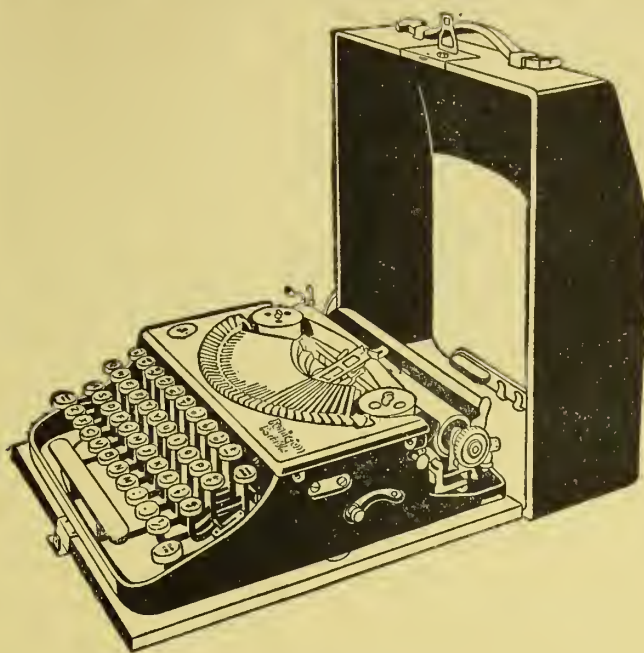
"I saw a man hanging on to a half-
pty keg a while ago about a mile out to
a. He couldn't swim and was nearly
owned."
"Did you have much trouble in making
rescue?"
"A little. I had to hit him over the head
h an oar to make him let go, but I
ally got the keg aboard."

Stingy

Mistress: "Now, Bridget, this is where
keep the family plate."
New Servant: "If ye mean to say ye
ve only one plate, I'm leavin' now. Wan-
te wouldn't be lastin' me two hours."

The Worst

Stephenson: "That's not the way for a
n to look the morning after a poker
ne. Sharks sitting in?"
ennings: "No. Wife sitting up."



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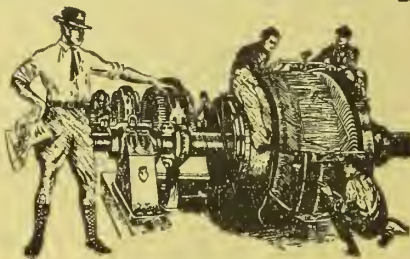
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THE table printed below shows how many delegates each department of The American Legion will send to the Fifth National Convention in San Francisco. It includes, besides the duly elected delegates, a National Executive Committeeman from each department. The figures are subject to change, either through inaccuracies detected by the final auditor's report or through action of the National Credentials Committee. Each foreign post not organized as part of a department may be granted one vote with the sanction of the credentials committee. The voting strength of each department consists of five delegates, plus the department's National Executive Committeeman, plus one more delegate for each thousand members or fraction thereof who had paid up their post, department and national dues before September 15th.

Departments	Delegates	Departments	Delegates	Departments	Delegates
Alabama	8	Michigan	24	Tennessee	14
Arizona	9	Minnesota	30	Texas	19
Arkansas	13	Mississippi	9	Utah	9
California	35	Missouri	22	Vermont	9
Colorado	11	Montana	11	Virginia	12
Connecticut	11	Nebraska	22	Washington	18
Delaware	6	Nevada	6	West Virginia	12
Dist. of Columbia	9	New Hampshire	11	Wisconsin	28
Florida	11	New Jersey	13	Wyoming	8
Georgia	15	New Mexico	7	Outlying Departments—	
Idaho	10	New York	63	Alaska	6
Illinois	55	North Carolina	14	Canada	6
Indiana	26	North Dakota	14	Canal Zone	6
Iowa	47	Ohio	45	Continental Europe	6
Kansas	25	Oklahoma	21	Hawaii	7
Kentucky	14	Oregon	13	Mexico	6
Louisiana	11	Pennsylvania	53	Philippine Islands	6
Maine	13	Rhode Island	9	Porto Rico	6
Maryland	9	South Carolina	10		
Massachusetts	36	South Dakota	18	Total	972

Fidac Goes Forward

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was certain would be won in the next congress.

The Legion stands for stricter immigration laws, Commander Owsley told his comrades. It stands for Americanism and patriotism, and he told of the ten million people in America who could neither read, write nor speak the lan-

guage of the country in which the lived. For the benefit of those present who were not Americans Commander Owsley said, "We ask only what you have the right to ask of those foreigner who come to live and make their living in France; we ask that the immigrant obey our laws and customs, speak ou



Home again. Commander Owsley is greeted by Major Joseph Caccavajo of Brooklyn Post, representing the Department of New York and the mayor of New York City, who was seriously ill at the time, as he steps off the "President Harding" on his return from the FIDAC meeting

guage, become Americans, and if I'd be fight for and die for the flag for which they have chosen to live. What asking too much?"

On August 28th the delegation was entertained at luncheon on the Eiffel tower by the various French veterans' organizations. And there were best related the real sentiments of the veterans of France for the veterans of America. The restaurant is one hundred metres above the ground, providing for the visitors a splendid view of Paris. It was a unique setting, and the tower itself gave to M. Bertrand, who presided, the theme for a happy talk.

"We have brought you to this tower," said, "not merely to show you a panoramic view of Paris, but the better show you the Paris which you and your comrades saved. This tower is intimately connected with the war. During those trying days it received and sent out from its wireless station the messages telling their sad news and their happy news. Into all corners of France went its messages. And on one day it flashed out the greetings that our sister republic had won in her lot with ours. To city and town and village the great news flashed until finally it made its way into the trenches where stood the tired soldiers of France. And it cheered us and France was happy then, for as we looked toward the enemy we knew we had them. Could all France but see today that you are here there would come to this tower, from all sections of the country, numberless messages of welcome."

When M. Bertrand informed Commander Owsley that the President of France had conferred upon him the honor of commander of the Legion of Honor. The presentation took place at Seldorf, in the Ruhr, at the hands of General Dégoutte, commanding the French and Belgian Armies of Occupation in that sector. France also bestowed upon the other members of the American delegation the order of Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur.

In the afternoon the delegation was received at the hotel de ville. "The role of Paris," said M. Marcel Aud, himself a veteran and the vice-president of the Paris Municipal Council, "do not receive you as strangers, they recognize in each one of you one of their brothers. Paris welcomes you with a tenderness which it does not extend haphazardly, for you are not seen in its eyes the delegates of victory but also of the truth."

In reply Commander Owsley recalled that The American Legion was the one American organization that had declared before the world that it stood with and approves the action of France and Belgium. "You French people," he added, "must keep yourself constantly in touch with the American people, speaking the truth precisely and courageously, sustaining your leaders by giving them the opportunity to know the exact situation and to make known throughout our country."

"We knew you first as the France of peace. We are happy to salute you now as the France of peace. Let not the spirit of militarism or imperialism be brought to France. We have faith in your expression uttered so lately by your distinguished premier, M. Poincaré, that France does not desire to occupy any



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In London the Legion delegates were met by members of the local Legion post, officers of the British Legion and representatives of the British government. Commander Owsley laid a wreath at the base of the cenotaph and delivered a brief eulogy to Britain's unknown warrior. At a dinner given by the Government at which General Sir Charles Monro presided the Commander addressed those present as "my distant relatives and comrades" and spoke of the practical achievements of the Legion in the United States—a subject of vital interest to British veterans, whose British Legion is modeled along the lines of our organization.

Scrapping the Scrappers

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in time of war. Perhaps they might have done for training ships.

Exactly the same may be said also of England's pre-ratification scrapping. She did away with craft which, for all ordinary purposes, were white elephants on her hands.

But we did more than that—more than to sell old and tolerably useless

for the peace of the world. It was an act typical of the nature of Warren Harding, who had a warm affection for and a real trust in his fellow men. In this instance that trust was vindicated. One by one the nations ratified his treaty, the French senate acting in the closing days of the late President's life.

The Navy Department then an-



This is not a large wooden cask, as it appears to be on casual inspection, but one of the huge turrets of the "Missouri," from which the thick steel plates are being stripped

ships. Just as soon as the United States Senate registered its approval of the Washington treaty, and without waiting for news from the other nations, President Harding ordered a suspension of all work on ships that were building. This meant the end of what navy men call the 1916 building program—a program of ship construction started in that year which if maintained would have by this time made us the dominant sea-power of the world. This work Mr. Harding suspended, trusting to the faith he had in the nations whose representatives he had asked to come to Washington and work

nounced the elimination of twenty-eight ships as soon as arrangements could be made. In the case of the battleships *New Jersey* and *Virginia* these arrangements were soon in order. The ships were taken to sea and sunk by Army bombing airplanes flying at high altitudes while a distinguished and debatable gallery of high army and navy officials looked on from the transport *St. Mihiel*. My colleague, Samuel Taylor Moore, has just written the story for these pages. It raises the question, did the *New Jersey* and the *Virginia* sink unmanned or did there go down with them the tradition of John Paul

ones and of Farragut? Has the scepter of the mistress of the seas passed to the air?

That accounts for two ships. Two more on the scratched list are the *Delaware* and the *North Dakota*, just returned from a three months' practice cruise in distant waters, manned by crews composed of midshipmen of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Such is the last service of these experienced men-o'-war; a service of preparedness against an eventuality all hope will ever come to pass. It is the present intention to scrap the *Delaware* and convert the *North Dakota* into a target ship. Four ships absent or accounted for.

Eleven vessels under construction have been tolled off on the doomed list—vessels which were to be the prides of that mightiest navy on earth which America has sacrificed in proof of her desire for peace. These are the battleships *Indiana*, *South Dakota*, *Montana*, *North Carolina*, *Michigan*, *Iowa* and *Washington* and the battle cruisers *Constitution*, *United States*, *Constellation* and *Ranger*.

To these add thirteen battleships already afloat—the *Rhode Island*, *Georgia*, *Nebraska*, *Connecticut*, *Louisiana*, *Massachusetts*, *Vermont*, *Minnesota*, *South Carolina*, *Michigan*, *New Hampshire*, *Oregon* and *Illinois*.

All but four of these will be sold for junk. The new *Washington* and the old *South Carolina* will be sacrificed to the promotion of fighting efficiency. They will be used as targets in submarine and deck attack experiments. The historic *Oregon* goes to the State of Oregon as a trophy ship. The *Illinois* will be dismantled and turned over to the New York naval militia as an armory.

That makes twenty-eight. The sales are to begin this month sometime, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, who is in charge, hopes to have the lot disposed of by December. Everything is expected to move briskly and businesslike in the manner of a simply commercial transaction. About the only touch of color in the sales program is the tentative plan for Mr. Roosevelt to go up to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and reside at a little ceremony to be conducted by the perfunctory use on the armor plate of one of the famous old ships of an acetylene torch in the hands of the assistant secretary.

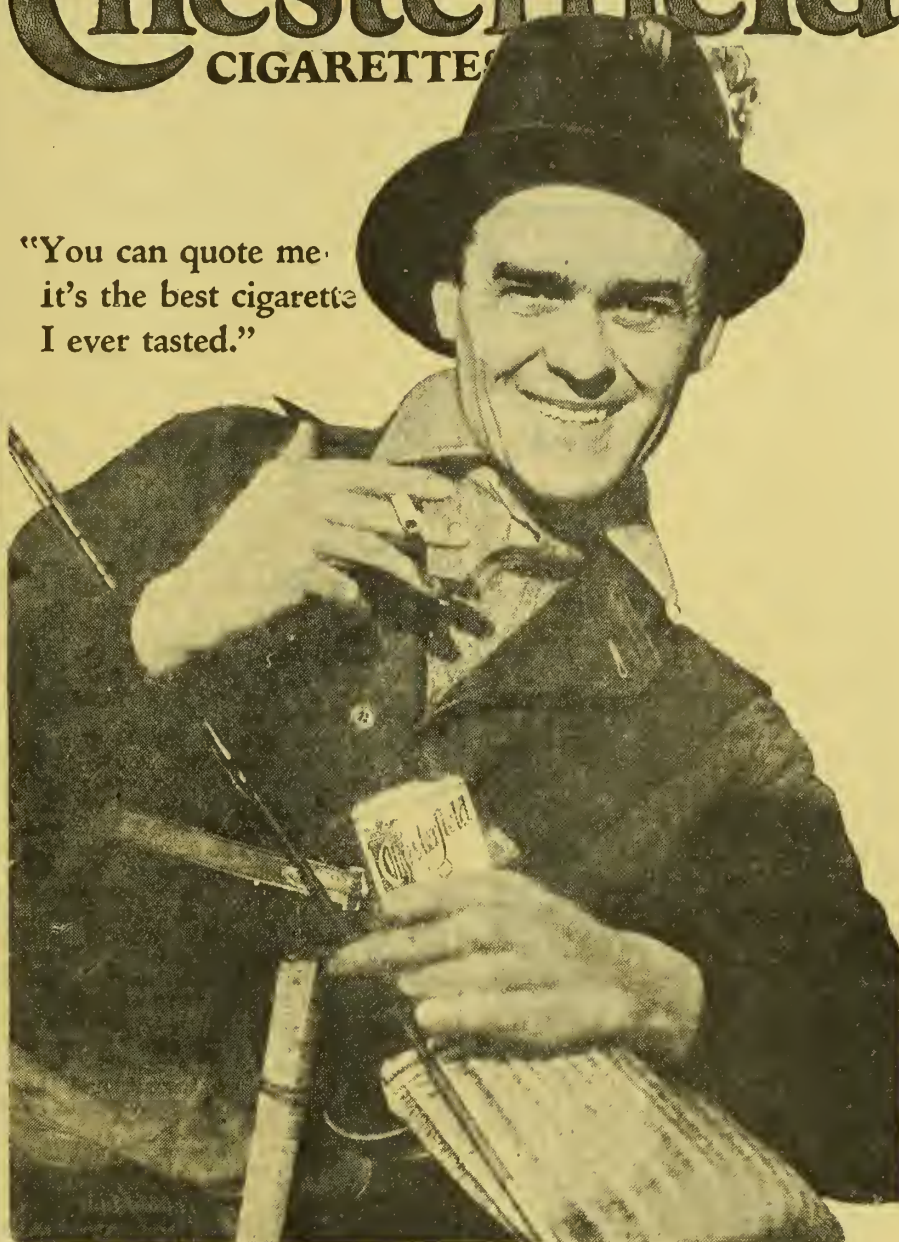
The newspaper camera men will approve of such obsequies, and I am sure the country will, too. Those old ships, which pass have served their country well. Their manner of passing is a service also, though it will cause a momentary pang to many to see them go. Their going severs links which bind to the present events that are memorable, and relinquishes them to history—which, however authentic, nevertheless is misty and somewhat unreal because it lacks the touch of the living.

Those ships, doomed or gone already under the terms of the Washington treaty, reach back in our annals as far as the Civil War, an era made glorious by the deeds of Farragut, by the fight between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac*. The tiny *Puritan* has vanished. She was one of the first batch of old ships to be sold early last year. She has been broken up at Philadelphia. The *Puritan* was known as a monitor, a type of vessel which takes its name from the original *Monitor*, the "cheese

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box on a raft" built by John Ericsson which made things warm for the ponderous Confederate ironclad *Merri-mae* and revolutionized naval construction. Ericsson built the *Puritan* also, which was put in service in 1865 and served on active duty through the Spanish war.

Another vessel in the first lot to be sold was the monitor *Miantonomoh*, 3,800 tons, also designed by Ericsson along the lines of his original "cheese-box." It was finished too late to be of use in the War Between the States, but in 1866 it stood to sea to settle an argument as to whether an ironclad could cross the ocean without sinking. Some had said it could, others that it couldn't be done. The latter were disappointed. The *Miantonomoh* got across, visited the principal ports of Europe, and attracted no end of attention. That was about its greatest thrill, though it stayed on the active list of the Navy until 1900 and then went to the naval militia of Maryland.

Other ships which have gone recall the names of Dewey, Sampson and Robley Evans. The cruiser *Columbia*, 7,350 tons, completed in 1893, was one of the prides of the Navy during the Spanish War, during which she convoyed General Miles' troops to Porto Rico. She went out of commission in 1914 but was called back into service the next year and during the World War was on duty with the submarine flotilla of the Atlantic fleet. The *Columbia* was sold along with the *Puritan* and others and has been broken up.

The famous run of the *Oregon* is known to every schoolboy, leastwise to every schoolboy of twenty years ago. The *Oregon*, a crack protected cruiser, was at San Francisco when war was declared with Spain in April, 1898. The main fleet, of course, was on the Atlantic side and was of such proportions that not a single vessel could be spared. The Spanish Admiral Cervera had sailed with his squadron for the West Indies, but his exact destination was unknown. So far as the country knew, and even the Navy knew, he might attack the coast at any point between Texas and Maine. The country was in a high state of excitement, and the *Oregon* was ordered east to reinforce Sampson's Atlantic fleet.

There was no Panama Canal, no wireless. The *Oregon* laid her course for the Horn. There were tales of Spanish torpedo boats lying across the *Oregon's* path, but the big ship rushed on without the protection of auxiliary craft, completing a 12,000-mile journey in about eighteen days—the longest and fastest voyage for a warship on record at that time. It arrived at Santiago in perfect shape and joined the blockade of Cervera's fleet, which had been bottled up in that harbor. When the Spanish admiral attempted to escape the *Oregon* led the pursuing forces, and in the running fight that followed not a single Spanish ship got away.

In 1905 the *Oregon*, under command of Admiral Sigsbee, brought back from France the body of John Paul Jones, whose grave had been located in a Paris cemetery by General Horace Porter. Fighting Bob Evans aboard his flagship, the *Maine*, of 12,500 tons, went out to meet the funeral ship as it neared the American coast. This same *Maine* lies now in the Delaware River at Philadelphia, where her own funeral is nearing its close. The mam-

moth basket masts have been hacked off and hoisted away. Guns and turrets are gone. Remains only the hull gutted and stripped. The once grand *Maine* might be mistaken for a ravished canal boat.

The *Maine* was named for the *Main* of Havana harbor whose destruction with great loss of life hastened the war with Spain. With the cry of "Remember the *Maine*" came a demand for a new *Maine*, mightier than any vessel afloat. On a wave of patriotic enthusiasm subscriptions were started throughout the country to provide the funds, and the impression obtained to this day that the second *Maine* was a popular gift to the nation. Navy officers dub this a "popular delusion." The fighting with Spain which followed the sinking of the *Maine* furnished other avenues for the public interest, and of the \$4,569,000 which the new *Maine* cost only a few thousand were contributed by subscriptions. The *Maine* was commissioned in 1902, and in 1908 she accompanied the Atlantic fleet on its spectacular cruise around the world—a demonstration which naval men say prevented war with Japan. The World War found the *Maine* unsuitable for active service, but she was gingered up and kept in reserve at Philadelphia with other ships of her day and style. In 1920 she was placed out of commission and in January of 1922 sold for \$44,556.

Of the ships now afloat which go on the bargain counter the largest, newest, fastest and the hardest hitter in a fight is the *Delaware*, on which the midshipmen have lately been to sea. The *Delaware* is 518 feet long and has a displacement of 20,000 tons. Her speed is 21.56 knots an hour. She carried a crew of sixty officers and 1,270 men. The *Delaware* is thirteen years old, having been commissioned in 1910. She was the show ship of the Navy then and her first long voyage was to Valparaiso with the body of the Chilean minister, who had died in Washington. Then she steamed to England where, in her finest silks, she represented the United States in the naval parade in connection with the coronation of King George. The next year, 1912, she was with the Atlantic fleet at the dedication of the *Maine* memorial at New York. Two years later she saw her first action at Vera Cruz, landing sailors and marines.

In November, 1917, with the *Florida*, *Wyoming* and *New York*, the *Delaware* sailed for England where, under the command of Admiral Beatty, the four Yankee battleships took up the vigil in the North Sea with the sixth battle squadron of the Grand Fleet. On February 8th next the *Delaware* just missed scrapping ahead of her time when the squadron was subjected to a concerted attack by enemy submarines. The *Florida* was driven out of formation, but the *Delaware* maneuvered clear of two torpedoes which were sent at her from close range. Her commander, Captain A. H. Scales, received a letter of commendation for his work.

The other completed ships which are for sale were commissioned between 1906 and 1910, and average around 15,000 tons displacement. They are products of the era of naval expansion which followed the Spanish War, which made us a world power with overseas possessions to look after. These ships fulfilled their mission. Most of them

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vent around the world in 1908. From time to time they were called on to perform police duty in Cuban, Mexican and Haitian waters or to deal with cases of disorderly conduct among Central American nations. The *New Hampshire*, *Rhode Island*, *Georgia*, *Louisiana*, *Vermont* and *Minnesota* were at Vera Cruz and thereabouts in 1914. The *Minnesota* distinguished itself during the occupation of the city in April of that year. In the bombardment it was the only vessel to enter the breakwater, covering with its fire from guns of all calibers the advance of sailors and marines on the beach. Admiral Fletcher transferred his flag to the *Minnesota* in order better to command the disposition of the supporting fleet.

But by 1917 these vessels had passed on toward middle life and were fit for only temperate exercise. The part they played in the World War was not spectacular.

It is not expected that the sale of these ships will be remunerative in a financial sense, except indirectly. Battleships are expensive propositions any way you take them. It is going to cost money to scrap these ships, but it would cost more money to keep the old ones and finish the new ones. A battleship is like an automobile used to be. The initial layout is apt to be a minor item.

It takes about \$20,000,000 to build a first-rate fighting vessel these days, and about ten years brings an end to its period of usefulness. This figures out to be about \$40 a minute, so anybody in search of expensive entertainment that is absolutely free can go to the nearest navy yard and take a look at a modern warship. A five-minute look will cost the taxpayers \$200; will cost them that, in fact, whether you look or not, so don't hesitate on that account. Of course an older battleship will afford a cheaper exhibition. The *Maine* cost \$4,569,000 and was in commission twenty years, which was only \$25.37 an hour, by rough figuring. In her latter days, however, the *Maine* would hardly have been worth that much pitted against a first-class adversary in a fight.

The ships sold so far cost for building and repairs more than \$31,000,000. The proceeds of the sales total \$452,000, which would scarcely take care of a modern navy's coal bills for the summer months. And if it had not been for two sales which were regarded as particularly advantageous the sum would not have been nearly that high. The battleship *Ohio*, which cost \$4,475,000, was sold to a Pittsburgh firm for \$112,500. That was the best sale made. The *Kentucky*, which without battery equipment stood Uncle Sam \$4,418,095, brought \$103,500. The *Ohio*, 12,500 tons, was launched in 1901, President and Mrs. McKinley being present for the occasion. The *Kentucky*, 11,250 tons, was sent down the ways in 1898 in the true Kentucky fashion—or at least what was then the true Kentucky fashion.

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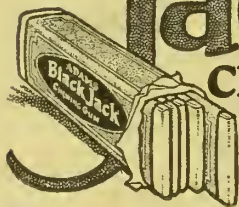


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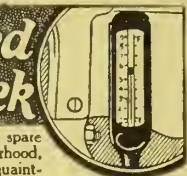


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drys, is exactly what almost took place. Well, suh, as the good ship started down the ways those prepared but dumfounded Kentuckians showed how quickly a gentleman from the blue grass section can think in a pinch. There was a general gesture in the direction of hip pockets. A dozen flasks flashed forth and sped through the damp sea air in the direction of the vessel's bows. A Kentuckian's accuracy of aim is his pride, and before the U. S. S. *Kentucky* touched salt water a good many fingers of good mellow bourbon had mingled with the vichy that trickled down her armored sides. "Sufficient," relates Colonel Ulric Bell of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, "to give her a highball christenin' at any rate."

So \$112,000 for a ship that cost four and a half million twenty-five years ago was deemed a good price—and was a good price. The age of a ship doesn't make a lot of difference in the scrap value. In fact, the purchaser of the *Maine*, *Columbia*, *Miantonomoh* and six other vessels told me that frequently a very old ship was worth more than a newer one. The steel is softer and the ship is not so hard to pull apart. This man paid \$53,000 for the *Columbia*, built in 1893 at a cost of \$3,400,000, but he laid out only \$44,556 each for the much larger and costlier battleships *Maine*, *Missouri* and *Wisconsin*—all built years later. The least expensive of the lot, the *Wisconsin*, cost \$4,162,000. The *Miantonomoh*, of Civil War style, the first ironclad to cross the ocean, brought \$6,000. Her original cost was \$600,000, but during her long life of fifty-seven years repair bills ran the total of her expense account up to \$1,315,000.

Disposing of offcast warships is a neat industrial problem, too. It is possible for an unwise investor to pick up a \$4,000,000 craft at one percent of its cost, or less, and then lose money on the deal. The work of tearing up a battleship soon runs into money, and if the purchaser doesn't look out it will run into more money than he will get for the scrap steel that results from the operation, or at least so the buyer of the *Maine* and the other ships just mentioned informed this writer. Years ago a French firm bought an old French cruiser and conceived the seemingly bright idea of transforming her into a freighter. They spent on alterations three times as much as they paid for the vessel. On the first voyage she broke down eighteen times en route to South America. The coal she consumed ate up all the profit on the cargo and she was towed back to France and smashed for junk. In England, though, where the people are wise about ships,

old vessels have been bought and, as have indicated, junked at a profit for years.

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The *Ranger* was named after the ship in which John Paul Jones began his career as a naval officer. It was the first ship to fly the Stars and Stripes, and John Paul Jones was the first man to make a foreign man-o'-war strike its colors to the Stars and Stripes. The original *Constitution*—"Old Ironsides"—is still afloat, moored to a dock as a keepsake at the naval base at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It was built in 1794 and in the War of 1812 won victories which have made it perhaps the most famous of all American warships.

The ships to be sold will go to the highest responsible bidders. No sales will be made other than to American citizens. Before the old vessels are placed on sale they will be stripped of all instruments and material which can be made of service to the Navy. This will include, of course, the silver service sets which States usually present to vessels bearing their name. These sets will be held in reserve until another vessel of the same name is launched.

Whether they will have that ceremony I spoke of when the sale begins is something I do not know. But whether Assistant Secretary Roosevelt holds the torch which will begin the voluntary destruction of so much fighting power or whether it is held unregarded by a workman in overalls is a detail that does not matter. The point is that the flame of that torch will light a new day, a day by which we should read more clearly the words which we find in the Scriptures, Isaiah, second chapter, fourth verse:

"Swords into plowshares . . . Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The Fifth Birthday of Peace

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marched under individual banners. (An offshoot of the celebration was that the rural schools almost unanimously began thereafter to call on Brown Post to conduct patriotic exercises in class rooms.)

The Legion had Paris profusely decorated for the parade and other events. Immediately after the parade the Legion gave a picnic dinner at the district fair grounds, which was attended by more than twenty thousand people. Afternoon events included the first annual

Texas singing championship, a basketball tournament, and a football game. At seven o'clock the post put on fireworks, paraded its floats again—this time under illumination—and generally held carnival. The mayor delivered a radio address from Dallas. At 8:30 the post presented a series of tableaux in the city coliseum. The tableaux represented various war posters. Then more than twenty-five thousand people engaged in an old-fashioned promenade

dance. Brown Post made no attempt to make money by its celebration, although it received contributions of more than twelve hundred dollars from appreciative citizens.

We haven't asked Brown Post if it intends to put on as good or a better celebration this year, but we'll bet that Paris will want one. And the point is that Paris now realizes what Armistice Day is all about; it is the day when the new civilian gets up on his hind legs and declares his right age—he's just five and proud of it.

Not every post can celebrate as this Texas post did; they're not all rich enough, and perhaps not all of them have that boundless energy which must characterize the Paris Legion membership. But Armistice Day cannot be overlooked by Legionnaires; it cannot be forgotten. And if Legionnaires want the rest of the country to remember, it's up to Legionnaires to furnish the mnemonic (high-brow for ready-aid-to-the-memory).

Another Texas post developed the pageant idea to the entire satisfaction of the people of San Benito when it entered the parade on Armistice Day of 1920 in twenty-two sections. Members of Sam Jackson Post (for they, as Horatio Alger used to say, are our heroes) walked the streets representing Indians, Norsemen, Columbus, Ponce de Leon, Père Marquette, Sir Walter Raleigh, and so on right down through to the A. E. F.

Carson Post of Tulsa, Oklahoma, started back in 1920 to take charge of its city's observance of the day and found ready at hand two forms of observance that may come in handy for other posts. Idea No. 1 was the planting of memorial trees. Farther north, we are told, November 11th is a bit too late in the season for such activity. Idea No. 2 was the decoration of a post member. But Carson Post was lucky in having Colonel Patrick J. Hurley present and ready to put on a D. S. M., and somebody from the War Department there to put it on him.

It is really too bad that posts planning celebrations this year cannot have advantage of all the files the writer has before him, telling how other posts did their stuff in the past. Significant letters and newspaper clippings keep coming to the eye. An example is a copy of the *Star and Herald* of Panama City, which carries a big headline to the effect that under the auspices of the Legion a memorial tablet to men of the Canal Zone who fell in the World War was dedicated on Armistice Day in 1922. Even the president of the republic was present. Another eye-catching exhibit is a poster forwarded by George E. Marshall Post of Rupert, Idaho, advertising that Armistice Day, 1922, would be celebrated by Rupert Legionnaires with a turkey shoot, a football game, public exercises at the town flag staff, a dance and patriotic movies. Another sample is offered in a letter from J. B. State, telling how Faribault (Minnesota) Legionnaires made the day go big by holding a beauty contest. Or we could take a letter written from Columbia University Post of New York City last year. The collegiate post, assisted by many other posts in the metropolis, held a memorial service in the Church of the Heavenly Rest. The event attracted more than nine hundred people.

All these things are not so difficult of accomplishment, and ideas seem to

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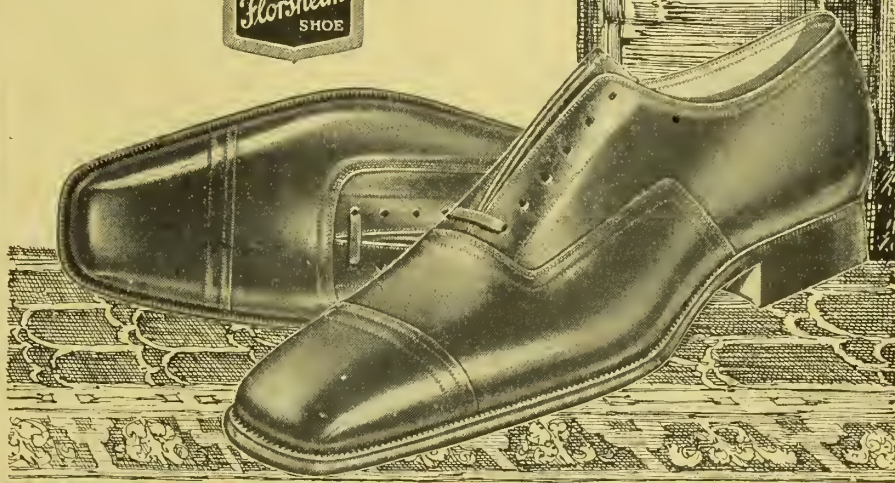
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spring up in Legion heads faster than they could ever be chronicled. Some are adaptations of war sentiments, or war glories—like the act of Twin Falls (Idaho) Post in erecting an electrically-lighted arch of triumph outside the grounds where it observed the day, or the act of Perry S. Gaston Post of New Castle, Pa., in seeing that all factory and fire whistles were blown at eleven o'clock in the morning.

Many agencies can be relied upon to furnish schemes for celebration. Community Service, located at 315 Fourth Avenue, New York City, offers a comprehensive schedule for a day of celebration, and promises to send its program for ten cents to any inquiring post. The Community Service idea is based on careful investigation of ways of observance adapted and adopted by scores of posts. The program is entitled "Lest We Forget," which sounds good, in itself. Write the Bureau of Educational Dramatics, care of Community Service, if you are interested.

But no one program can cover the day. There are as many possible variations in an Armistice Day observance as there are posts to develop them. Some go in for pageant parades, others go in for athletics—football is the seasonable sport, but in many sections it is not too late for baseball, and basketball is beginning. Out in St. Paul a year ago forty or more veterans' organizations kept open house all Armistice Day night. And they all joined for a big dance at the Armory, too. At ten o'clock, on signal, all those present came to attention and paid a silent tribute for a minute to the soldier and sailor dead. A bugler sounded Taps.

And right here be it said that, to the best of the writer's knowledge, not one post overlooked this ceremony of tribute last year, or the year before, or any other year. The Legion recognizes that the tribute is due, and it gives the tribute. While Armistice Day is generally a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving, it also carries an obligation of memory to those who could not live to see it as a final celebration of the victory they made.

The victory! How was the victory won? That's the idea that most likely will appeal to the non-service members of any community. Scores of posts

have shown them; they have staged mimic warfare and have made it successful. They have put on sham battles, and built temporary trenches and permanent trenches and what not just to show people what they went through during the war. The sailors have rigged miniature battleships. Probably the sham battle has been the most successful way of entertaining or Armistice Day that the Legion has attempted.

It would be footless to advise any post how to build trenches or stage a battle. It is enough to say that a perusal of letters from posts shows the posts that put on the best battle last year were the ones that best followed the advice of their battling members. There's only one thing not to forget, say post officers who have written the Weekly about their shows: The public is pretty well educated in trench uniforms; they expect to see plenty of dirt, and plenty of mud. They probably won't object if an occasional soldier scratches himself with reckless abandon or a curry-comb or something. The only thing they expect that may not be particularly realistic is that the battle must be furious all the time; a permanent barrage from the enemy is the civilian conception of a day in the trenches.

One of the best things about a trench scene or a battle scene is that it can last over until night. Another thing many posts have discovered about trench scenes is that they can be made to produce revenue; peoples are willing to pay to tour vicarious battlefields, because too few of them can afford to go to France and see the real battlefields. Anyway, the real battlefields now are back to their former vocations of agriculture, and France certainly has nothing to offer like imitation nighttime battle scenes. The real battles are over, and it is just as easy to put on a mimic battle with fireworks in America as it is in France.

Garland W. Powell, National Director of Americanism, recently sent out a bulletin to all department commanders, adjutants, Americanism chairmen and National Executive Committeemen which covers the more conventional form of Armistice Day celebration.

More Opinion on Air Conference

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dertaking at this moment. But between The American Legion's conference proposal and the alternative suggestion that we set a "moral example" by starving our own aerial defense into helplessness we prefer the Legion's plan.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

If it is wise to limit battleship competition it is wiser to limit battleplane competition, because the latter is in its early stages and comparatively easy to control.—Elmira (N. Y.) Telegram.

The Legion has power enough to focus the attention of the country and the world upon this new menace and thus offset difficulties newborn of international jealousy. Once the situation stands clear in the public eye, governments will have no recourse but to stop this race of death.—Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald.

The proposal of The American Legion is meeting with much favorable comment. . . . It is regarded as a natural step forward.—Cohoes (N. Y.) American.

There will be few to dissent from the proposition of The American Legion Weekly that an attempt be made to end the competition in air

armament.—Portland (Me.) Express.

The American Legion deserves the gratitude of a war-weary world for its efforts to arouse this government to its duty and its opportunity.—Lewiston (Me.) Evening Journal.

The American Legion is truly American in its purpose to promote international agreements designed to lessen the prospect of armed conflict between nations.—Council Bluffs (Ia.) Nonpareil.

The Legion's proposal to have the President call a world conference to limit the building of military airplanes is an excellent thing. Because the more the public discusses armament and peace and international relations the better understanding we shall all have of the problems we are trying to solve.—Binghamton (N. Y.) Press.

We believe The American Legion has voiced the will of the American people.—Union (Mo.) Republican-Tribune.

It is high time that measures were taken to restrict aircraft to the purposes of peaceful commerce and necessary police work.—Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye.

To persuade the leading powers to assemble for a purpose similar to that of the naval limitation meeting would be a fine feather in the Legion's cap. To fail would be no disgrace. The Legion has undertaken an important public service.—*Syracuse (N. Y.) Journal*.

The Legion's place in the hearts of the American people is such that no other society, save the church itself, can compare with it.—*Sioux Falls (S. D.) Press*.

The men of the Legion are asking America to lead the way in this important movement. The other nations cannot well do that. But America can. She led the way to limitation of armament on land and sea.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Commander Owsley of the Legion calls attention to the fact that while efforts for the limitation of armament are being made in some directions, the building of aircraft for war purposes is increasing. . . . While getting the nations to agree to airplane restrictions as they did to limitation of navies may come harder, it must be done if their desire for peace is sincere.—*Mount Vernon (N. Y.) Record*.

Coming from men who actually know from personal contact what war means, the warning of The American Legion should not fall on deaf ears.—*Johnson City (Tenn.) Star*.

The world needs a conference on air limitations and The American Legion is to be congratulated on the campaign it has started.—*New Britain (Conn.) Record*.

Coming from the Commander of The American Legion a warning designed to check the construction of aircraft for war use will receive attention from governments and civilians that are apprehensive of the danger of future wars.—*Elmira (N. Y.) Advertiser*.

The Legion's proposal is sound to the core and it is to be hoped that it will be adopted by the government at the earliest possible moment.—*Auburn (N. Y.) Citizen*.

According to the Legion the air race is one of the "principal causes of political anxiety which disturbs the tranquillity of the world." The matter only can be safely and satisfactorily settled by concerted action.—*Reno (Nev.) Journal*.

The American Legion's proposal is entitled to the support of every man and woman who wants to see war removed as far as possible from the checkerboard of international diplomacy.—*Bayonne (N. J.) Review*.

One of these days it may be possible to get the nations around a table to discuss reduction of air armaments, but not now.—*Minneapolis Journal*.

The project is feasible and it rests with the willingness of foreign governments to take another practical step toward peace.—*Indiana (Mo.) Gazette*.

The Legion is bringing effectively to public notice one of the biggest questions of the future.—*Chelsea (Mass.) Record*.

President Coolidge has thrown a little cold water on the [Legion's] proposal by letting it be known that he does not favor a conference at this time because he thinks it would be inopportune. . . . There is no indication, however, that the President is opposed to the real purpose of the movement.—*Oswego (N. Y.) Paladium*.

Action should be taken at once to stop this conflict which menaces the peace of the world.—*Clarksdale (Miss.) Register*.

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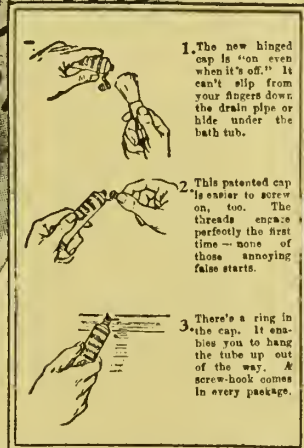
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get one throat hold, but Wolf, taught all the tricks of the bloody arena, whipped about, caught the bull's foreleg, and slowly and inexorably crushed it between iron jaws until it was hanging by tendons only, and the bull, fainting and whimpering with intolerable pain, relaxed and gave up the struggle.

After that there were no challenges save one. After that Gaff Horrick sent word from Cascade that, if Gadden wasn't afraid of losing his new cur, he could be matched for two thousand dollars and side bets, against Terror, the glory of the Cascade region. So, with all formality, Wolf, boardhound-bull cross-bred, owned by J. S. Gadden, was signed to meet Terror, champion pit bull, owned by Gaffner Horrick, in Cascade on the night of the fifth of May, and the mountain fanciers and sports began to save their money for a mighty battle and the gambling on the outcome that was half the reason for their consuming passion for this sport.

THREE weeks before the date fixed it happened that a pock-marked man with very black hair and close-set eyes appeared at Gadden's Resort and made the acquaintance of the amiable proprietor thereof. They had mutual friends, it appeared, and this Mr. Standlee proved it; they took a drink or so together, Standlee admired Wolf prodigiously and asked to be permitted to get down a small bet on him; then he came to business.

"Happen to know anything about turpentineing, Mr. Gadden?" he asked, casually.

Gadden snarled.

"I know a yellow sap-strainer in that line south of Monadnock."

"Toms?"

"That's him."

"Did you know he was coming along to make a fortune out of his game?"

"Not him!"

"Yes, Mitchell Toms. You don't like him?"

"I'm going to break his neck for him some day, just for amusement!"

Standlee slapped his knee.

"I thought you were my rooster! Would you like to join a little party to put a crimp in Toms and at the same time move yourself into a swell house on Easy Street?"

"You show me the way and I'll go the limit with you."

"Here's the way, Gadden. You don't know anything about Turpentine claims?"

"No."

"You can lease from the Government or from private owners. Toms is working a small government piece now, but a few months back he hooked up with the Bishop estate—has a lease on fourteen hundred acres west of his camp. Everything he's got in the world—which is mostly what he's made on his present lease—he's playing now on this one number. If he wins he'll make a fortune. If he loses—" Standlee gestured expressively.

"That doesn't tell me anything—yet."

"Well, does this? Under his lease he has to be on the Bishop land ready to begin work before midnight of the thirtieth of this month. If he isn't there the lease is cancelled." Standlee paused. "That fourteen hundred acres is the finest turpentine piece anywhere in the West. I've got an option to take

it if Toms falls down."

Gadden thought swiftly.

"But he'll be there before the first, of course," he said.

"Will he? Suppose he's had a hard time raising money and getting stills and equipment? Suppose his stuff won't be in Monadnock before the second or third? Suppose the best he can do—and what he's going to do—is to carry his turpentine cups and a few men over on the afternoon of the thirtieth and set up a temporary camp—just enough to hold his lease!"

"Well, supposing all that?"

"Why, supposing somebody chucks him off the night of the thirtieth and supposing that somebody and me is on the ground at one minute after midnight, with my lease option and sap dripping into our own cups. Supposing that! What then?"

Gadden growled: "What's the idea of letting me in on this, if it's so good?"

"The idea is that you're known here, you don't like Toms, you're a man that can handle these folks up here, and, if I ain't mistaken, you're a man that wouldn't mind a good fight—because there'll probably be one."

"Standlee!" Gadden cried, "you ain't mistaken, anywhere along the line! What do I do first?"

"Pick yourself a gang that will fight cheap and that can keep a secret before and afterwards, and we'll sign on together. And talking always makes me dry, Gadden . . . Good! Here's luck!"

The devil, or some power, Gadden gloated, certainly takes care of his own! Things had been going from bad to worse with him; now overnight he had a fighting dog which would humble Horrick, avenge the three dead heroes, win him purse and wagers aggregating at least three thousand, and restore his own pride; atop of that came the pock-marked stranger with a project that combined admirably the discomfiture of Mitchell Toms and the foundation work for a fortune. Incidentally, Gadden thought, looking a little farther, it would cause a complete break between Toms and Dora Worth, and Gadden himself, rich, successful, powerful, might reasonably aspire to breaking the slim, impudent, tempting girl and winning her for himself—if he cared to take the trouble.

He met Dora, with Flash at heel, on the mountain side one afternoon when he was exercising Wolf on the steep trails for muscle and wind; it cost him some trouble to hold his fighter back from attacking the other dog.

"You owe me a pleasant word or two for that, my dear!" he said, snapping the leash into Wolf's collar and forcing him down. "Another minute and he'd have made mince-meat of your pup!"

"Thanks!" Dora said stiffly, moving on.

"Come on; have a little human feeling, can't you?"

"It's because I'm human that I can't abide you!" she retorted. "I hate dog fighting, and I hate your nasty boot-leg business."

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listening—remembered later that she had not said no to his hastily conceived proposal. He was in high feather that night, and the Resort entertained with a noisy and turbulent party, from which a number of men went out in the early morning roistering and obscene. The patience of some of the older women of the countryside had been sorely tried; two mothers complained bitterly of the place.

Not knowing this—(probably he would not have cared if he had known)—Gadden opened up more and more in the next week. He was intoxicated with his plans and hopes, and saw himself looked upon some day as the strongest figure in the mountains. The more bitter and violent he, therefore, when, two nights later there entered on the revelry in the Resort four heavily armed federal officers who arrested Gadden and his bartender, confiscated a clean thousand dollars worth of liquors, cleared and closed the Resort and carried stock and owner down to the county seat. The last of his capital was squeezed from him as a bond and, at four o'clock in the morning, surly, raging, and in a dangerous black mood, he left the jail and returned to his wrecked road-house.

From that moment on every mean and hateful instinct in the man was aroused—was directed against Horrick, owner of the dog he came to hate and wish to see mangled before his eyes, and against Mitchell Toms, whom he suspected of causing the raid, and whose person and property were so soon to be at his hand. In the fight on the Monadnock hills and the later fight in the pit at Cascade lay Gadden's hopes for the restoration of his self-esteem and his fortunes; he redoubled his efforts to be prepared for both enterprises, and his confidence grew as his chafing rage swelled.

LATE on the afternoon of the thirtieth Dora Worth, mounted on her pinto pony and with Flash running, and rollicking beside her, rode south across the little orchard and into the timber on her way to Mitch Toms' claims. Toms, she knew, could not yet be returned from Stockton, whither he had gone to hurry forward his equipment, and she had been worrying all morning for fear the men on the old lease would forget or neglect to set up the camp on the Bishop ground that she knew was essential to completion of his lease contract.

It was a ten-mile ride, mostly up and down trailing, and Dora rode slowly, thinking. She was divided more and more unhappily as to her true feeling for the young woodsman. He was gentle, thoughtful, strong in moral courage and not only capable of large achievements but boldly consummating them. Yet Dora could not put entirely away from her the recollection of Mitch's knuckling to Gadden, that bully and braggart. Gadden himself was becoming franker in his courting, and she loathed and despised him. But his suit made her the more disappointed in Toms. Gadden taunted her with the similarity between her squire and the dog that had a streak of cur in him.

"Oh, what does it matter what Gadden says?" she cried. And yet—it did matter!

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pinto's one. He was a big, powerful beast, with the widespread legs of the bull, and the heavy protruding jaw, but with the barrel and height brought to him in his sire's blood. He was full of spirits—begging her to play with him. But, oddly, Dora felt a little distaste for him, which made her impatient and unhappy.

She came out on the red cliff above Monadnock and glanced south towards the turpentine camp. On that side of the mountains it was growing dark and she could already see dim lights from the mess-house and cabins. Looking to her right she tried to find where the new lease camp on the Bishop ground might lie. There were two tents, finally discerned, silhouetted against the dark pines and spruces, but there were no fires nor lights. She urged the pinto forward into a lope. The men should have been on the place ere this!

The road up from Monadnock lay below her; when she was still half a mile from those deserted looking tents she saw two heavy automobiles swing into the climb from Monadnock Creek and head toward her. She wondered if it could be Mitch, come back before time, but decided that this was improbable. Who else would be driving that way?

The tents were unoccupied; in a pile outside Dora found the sap cups, the troughs, half a dozen axes, and other implements. The men had been there, dumped the equipment, put up the tents hastily, and left. Certainly they would be back, but it wasn't right. She would ride down to the old lease and hurry them up, and her cheeks burned with anger at them for seeming to jeopardize Mitch's business in this slack fashion!

Then the two automobiles rolled around a turn and on to the little flat—and Gadden jumped down, Wolf with him, on leash, because he had been afraid to leave him, on the eve of his crucial battle, to others' care. "Hello, Miss Dora! What are you doing so far from home?"

Dora was not looking at him. She was gazing with widening eyes at the men who tumbled out behind him. They were the roughest and most reckless crew in all the mountains—Jack Gaines, and the Mosely boys, and Nigger Hemphill, and Dan White, the ex-convict and a dozen others whom she knew by sight as cronies of Gadden's.

"You must have taken the wrong road, Mr. Gadden," she said, sharply. "The Springs highway turns east at Monadnock."

Gadden laughed and some of his crew with him.

"Oh, we took the right road, all right. Where's your pussy-footing friend?"

"Mr. Toms will be here soon. You're on his lease, and he won't like that."

This made Gadden roar.

"Well, now, I don't know but what you're right, little lady! No, I sort of think he won't! So you're expecting him soon? I heard he was down at Stockton."

She wondered what this information might have had to do with the visit, as she turned her pinto's head.

"You'd better go before his men come, at any rate," she said, and rode towards the tents.

Gadden and his men stood near the automobiles, conferring. Mischief was now in every gesture and whisper. Dora tried to think what to do. She dismounted—called Flash to her. She sat down before the tents and the dog lay

at her feet.

Presently Gadden and a tall pock-marked man walked towards her. It was growing quite dark and the scene was lighted only by the flaring headlights of the automobiles.

"See here, young lady," Gadden said, with an effort to be gentle, "you'd better ride along out of this. We're here on business and there may be an argument that you wouldn't want to hear."

"I'm going to stay," Dora said, "right here until Mr. Toms comes."

"I tell you you're not."

"You have a good deal of cheek to tell me anything, Mr. Gadden."

"Cheek or not, you're going to ride away. I don't want to be rough, but I can be if I have to. And if I am it will be for your own good."

"If you are it won't be at all for your good!" she flamed.

He swore, muffling the oath.

"Come, now; get on your horse and ride down, and don't make me cross."

For answer Dora turned her back on him. Gadden started toward her, hesitated, growled again—plunged forward and seized her shoulders. Dora cried out sharply.

Without warning or delay, Flash, the big brindle, leaped for him. Gadden, surprised, threw up an arm and lashed out with his knee. Flash was turned aside but sprang in again. Gadden retreated.

"Flash!" Dora screamed. "Down! Heel!"

Flash looked at her doubtfully and checked his charge. Gadden kicked at him and he whined—stepped aside, watching Dora.

"You brute!" the girl cried. "If you touch either of us again I'll let him tear your throat open!"

"Oh, you will, will you?" He turned toward the group by the machines. "Unleash Wolf!" he shouted. "He'll make short work of this yellow cur."

Dora, with a frightened cry, ran toward Flash. The big dog, thinking it was play, leaped and began to dance away from her. Dora, confused and terrified, could not make him understand her. She followed him and Flash circled wide. There came a shout from the machines, and a savage yell to his own dog from Gadden.

In the next instant a brown and white streak shot past the girl and struck Flash, ripping his shoulder open. Instead of cowering—fawning—Flash whirled to meet the attack. The dogs were down—up—down in a breath. They were so alike no one could tell one from the other now, save that Wolf was marked by a studded collar and Flash by a thong about his neck. But even these identifying details were lost in the welter of the fight.

Gadden at first stood back laughing and encouraging his dog. But it began to dawn on him that the coward cur—the yellow mongrel—the poltroon of the litter—was fighting. Then that he was fighting viciously. Then that he was at least marking the dog that, five nights hence, was to be hurled into the pit against the champion bulldog of the Sierra country for a small fortune in purse and bets!

"Stop 'em!" he yelled. "Get sticks! Come on! Wolf! Here, sir! Damnation!"

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breathing and the flash and beat of their straining feet and muscles on the ground. She covered her ears and sobbed. The men closed in—tried in vain again and again to seize the insane dogs. Gadden hurled himself forward and was sent rolling to the ground, his face opened by a flying paw. There was no use for clubs, since the dogs could not be distinguished and since beating would only madden them more. Some one of the Gadden crew caught a leg, but it was jerked from him. Gadden, up again, grasped a bloody and foam-flecked body, but it slipped away in the rough-and-tumble.

The pair were fighting savagely, and though one was trained and taught and raised in the science of the pit and the other was a dog that had never so much as gone to the ground with an adversary before, it was impossible to tell which was which or which had the advantage. Their cries were strangled now in heavy, panting, sobbing breaths. Mainly it was a grim, deadly, and silent contest.

There was a particularly savage and violent thrust of the two bodies—a rally! Gadden screamed as though he were himself in pain. One of the two big brindles had got the throat hold; the other was writhing, struggling, snapping—unable to reach a foreleg or to tear loose from the grip.

Their two bodies emerged—became distinguishable—out of the tumble and dust of the melee. Gadden and all of them saw that one dog was slowly settling to the earth, his throat caught beyond any loosing in the jaws of the other.

And the dog that, with forefeet planted wide, and the muscles on his big shoulders and chest swelling visibly as his teeth closed in—closed in on the pulsing windpipe and jugular—that dog wore a leather thong around his bleeding neck.

The dog that was slowly being throttled before their eyes had a studded collar—was Wolf, challenger of Horrick's Terror!

Gadden went mad. He seized a club and ran up, raising his weapon with screamed oaths. Wolf was rapidly weakening; his struggles became more spasmodic, less controlled. Flash, the despised, was choking his life out. Gadden's stick came down with a crash on Flash's bloody crown. The dog blinked, but did not move nor quiver nor relax his deadly hold on the enemy. Gadden raised the heavy club again.

A tall, hatless youth burst through the circle of amazed and dumfounded men; his arm shot out, carrying a heavy hand with the impact of a trip-hammer to Gadden's jaw.

The sport went down in a heap, a pace away.

He was up, shaking his head and mouthing obscenities, in a second.

"Oh, it's you!" he cried, and charged like a bull.

Mitch Toms awaited his coming, moving a little aside and about, so that the dogs were behind him. Dora Worth, included in the widening circle the men instinctively made, saw that Mitch was not hysterical, not choked with anger, not given momentary courage by excitement. Instead he was the coolest of them all. He measured his distances accurately—trained his blows with calculation. And as he fought he talked, almost chattily, to the man who had come to ruin him.

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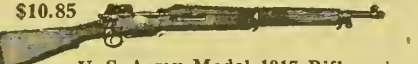
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Whatever the debt, it was generously paid.

Gadden was reeling, bleeding, blinded, gasping for breath. He was no match for this woodsman, young, strong, gallant, and heartened by a righteous anger. He was flabby, soft, alcohol-soaked—a brute and a braggart and a bully. Mitch Toms stiffened him up with one swing, pulled him in with a hook, sent him to the ground with a straight left-hand smash that lifted him quite off his feet. He lay there where he fell.

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Mitch Toms and Dora Worth stood beside the dead Wolf dog a moment; then Dora dropped to her knees and took Flash into her arms, all bloody as he was, all weakened and bruised and hurt as he was, and slowly coming back out of his haze of blood lust to normal consciousness of friends and friendliness; she threw her arms about him and pulled him to her and cried into his dirt-filled and gory scruff:

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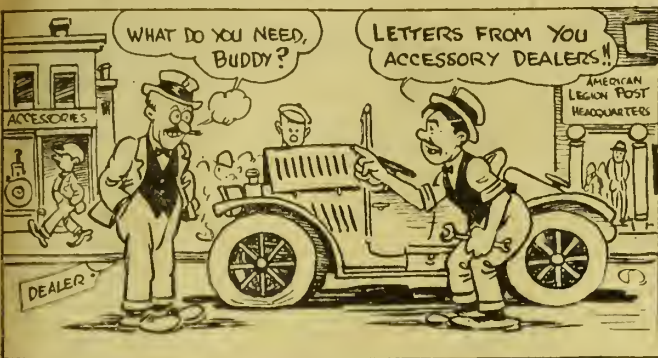
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